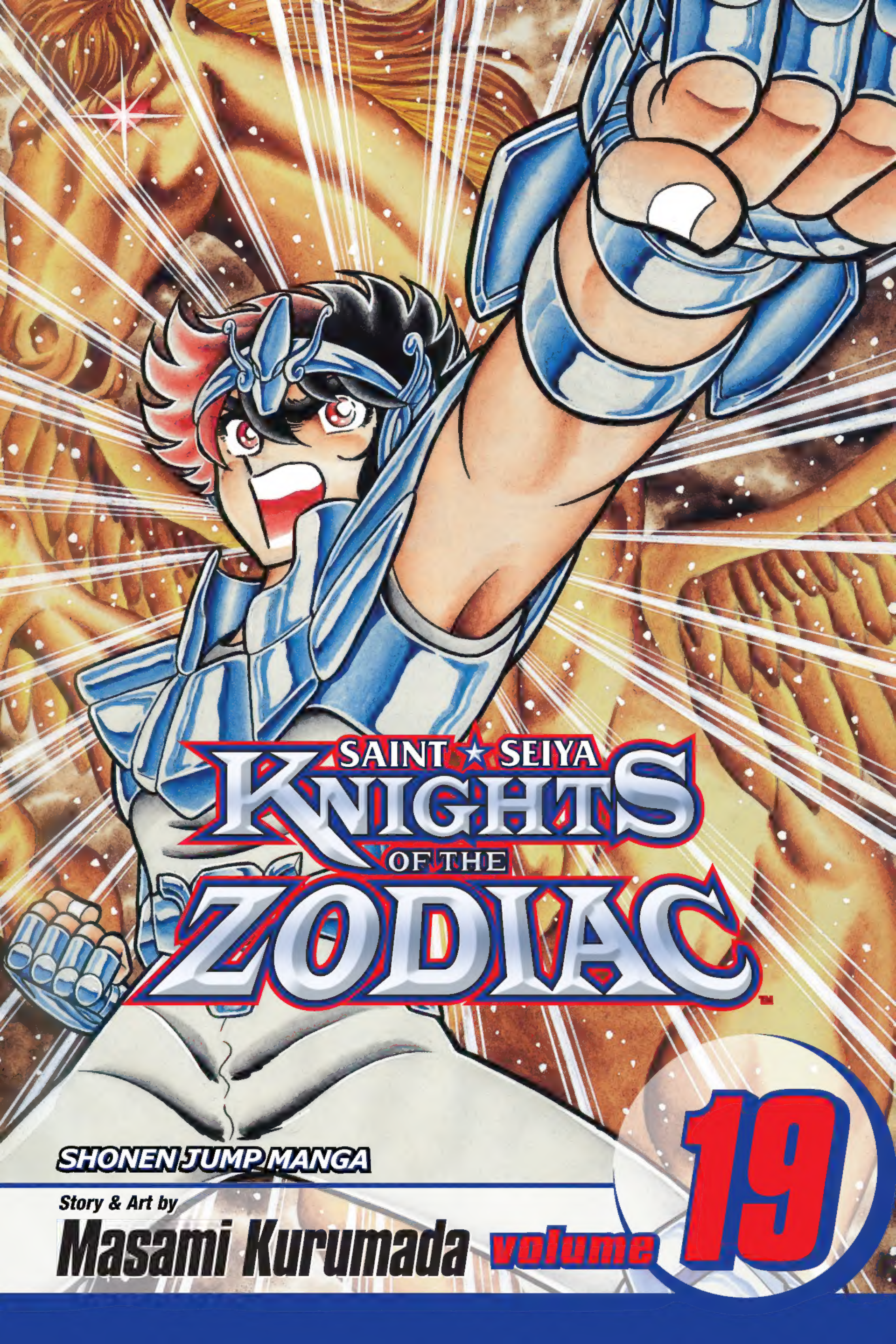
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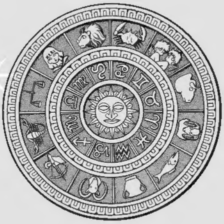

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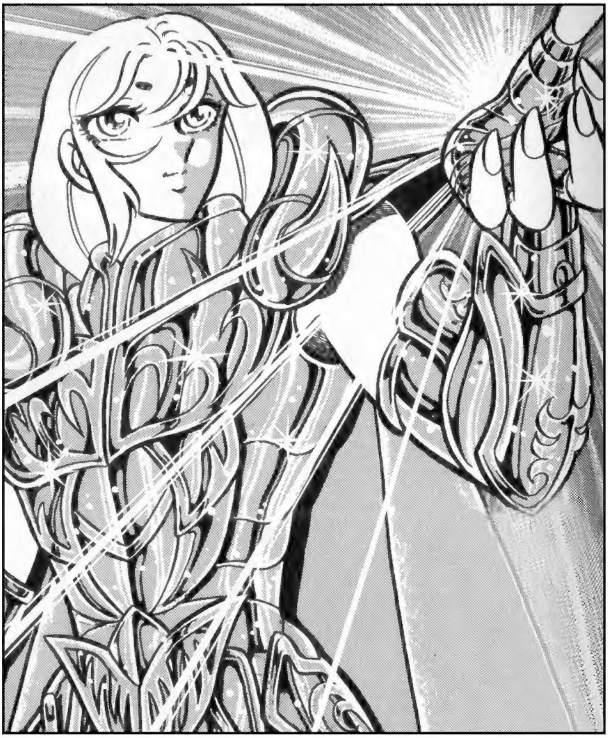

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108 Stars of Darkness

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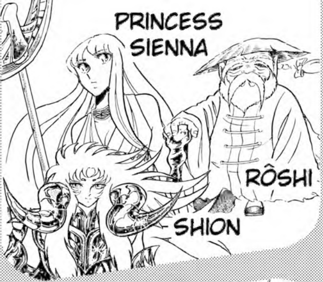

THE STORY THUS FAR ...

LEGENDS SPEAK OF YOUNG MEN WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEY WERE SAID TO WIELD PUNCHES THAT CRACKED THE SKY AND KICKS THAT SPLIT THE EARTH.

TO RAISE WARRIORS TO FIGHT FOR PRINCESS SIENNA, THE HUMAN INCARNATION OF ATHENA, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 BOYS INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. THE BRONZE KNIGHTS--SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ AND SHUN--SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR TRAINING. AT SANCTUARY, HEADQUARTERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, THEY DEFEATED THE 12 GOLD KNIGHTS AND CONFRONTED THE CORRUPT MASTER OF SANCTUARY, GEMINI KNIGHT SAGA. IN THE END, SAGA TOOK HIS OWN LIFE AND BROUGHT THE BATTLE FOR SANCTUARY TO A CLOSE.

BEFORE THE BRONZE KNIGHTS COULD RECOVER FROM THEIR INJURIES, THE EARTH WAS THROWN INTO CHAOS BY JULIAN SOLO, THE INCARNATION OF THE SEA GOD POSEIDON. TO SAVE PRINCESS SIENNA AND THE EARTH, THE KNIGHTS DESTROYED THE SEVEN PILLARS SUPPORTING THE OCEANS OF THE WORLD AND THE SEVEN MARINERS GUARDING THEM. BY THE TIME THEY CONFRONTED POSEIDON, THE KNIGHTS' STRENGTH WAS NEARLY GONE, BUT ATHENA'S LOVE HELPED SEIYA CREATE A MIRACLE. POSEIDON WAS IMPRISONED AND PEACE RESTORED TO EARTH.

BUT THE LEGENDARY BATTLE OF THE GODS HAS ONLY BEGUN...

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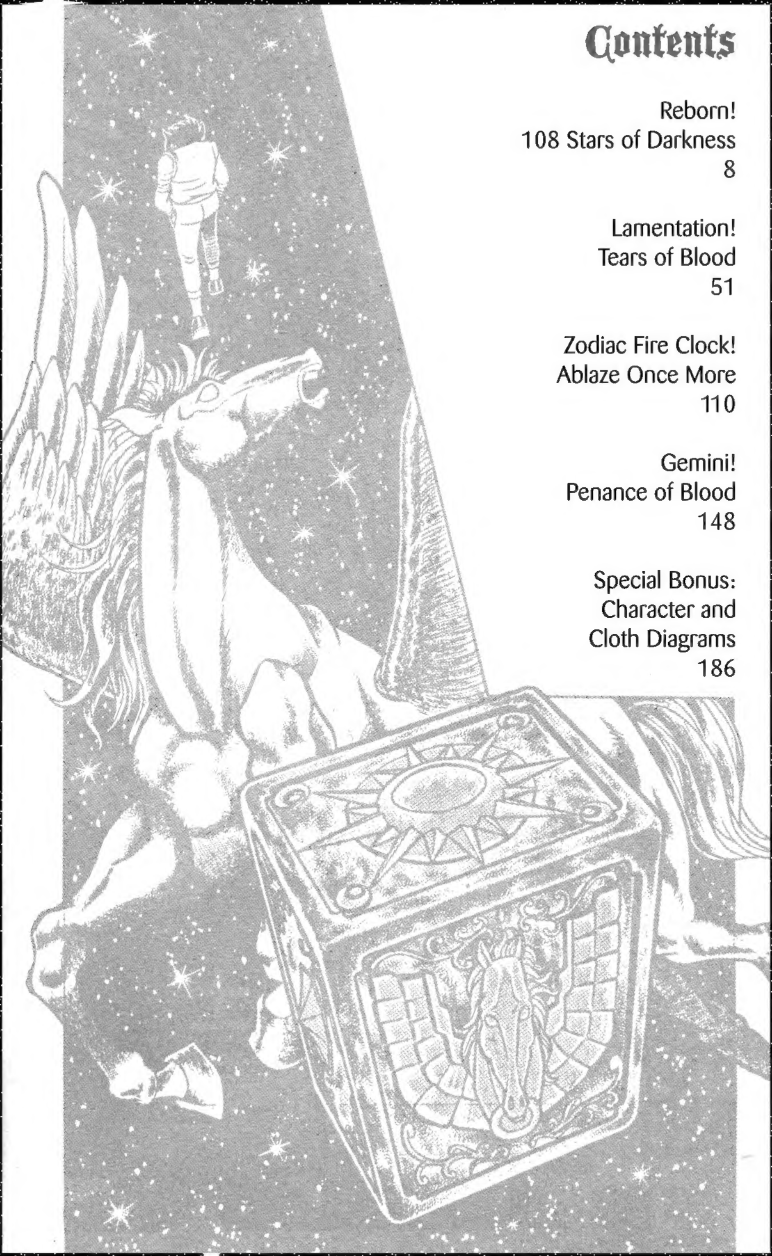

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108 STARS OF DARKNESS

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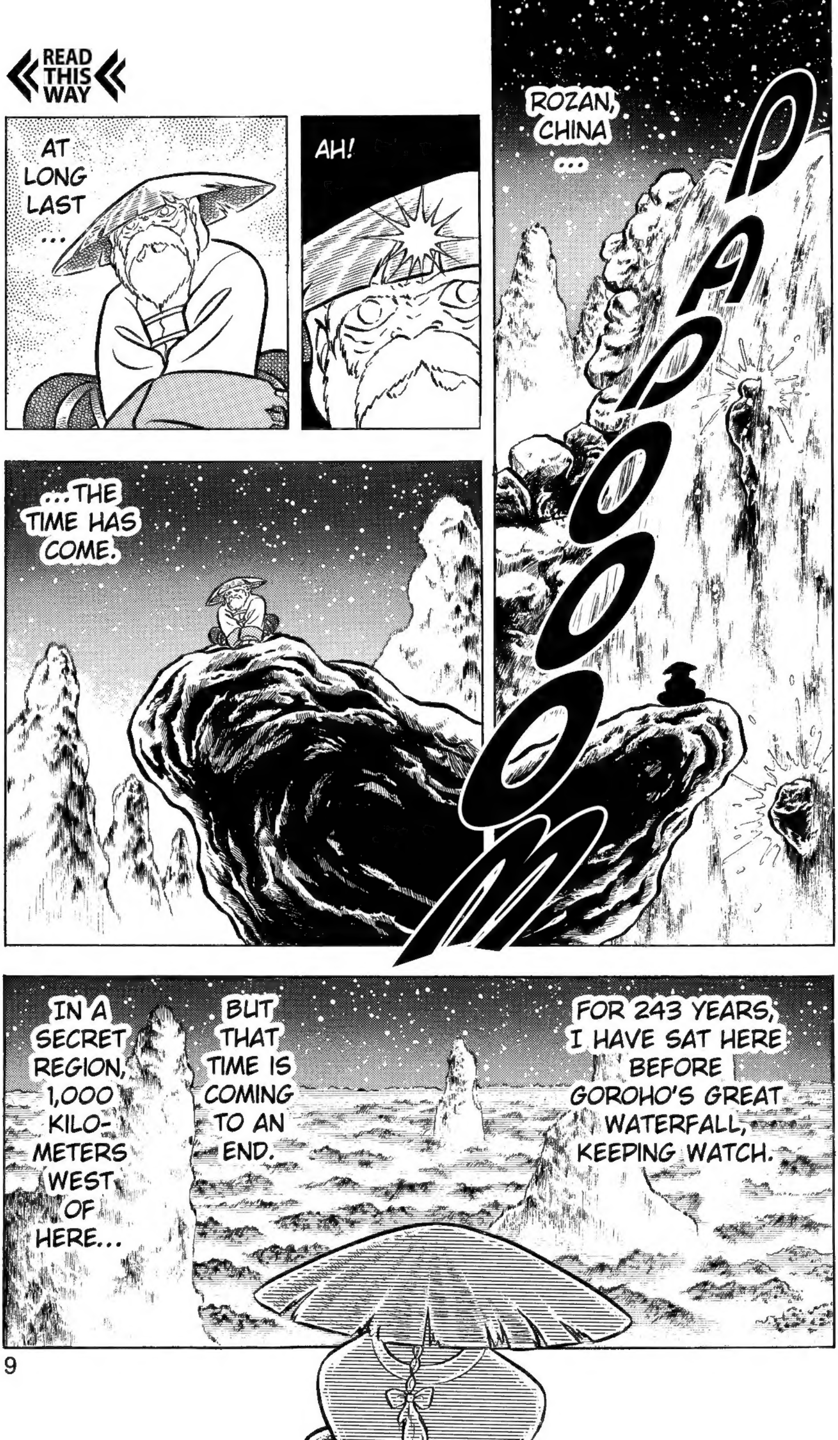
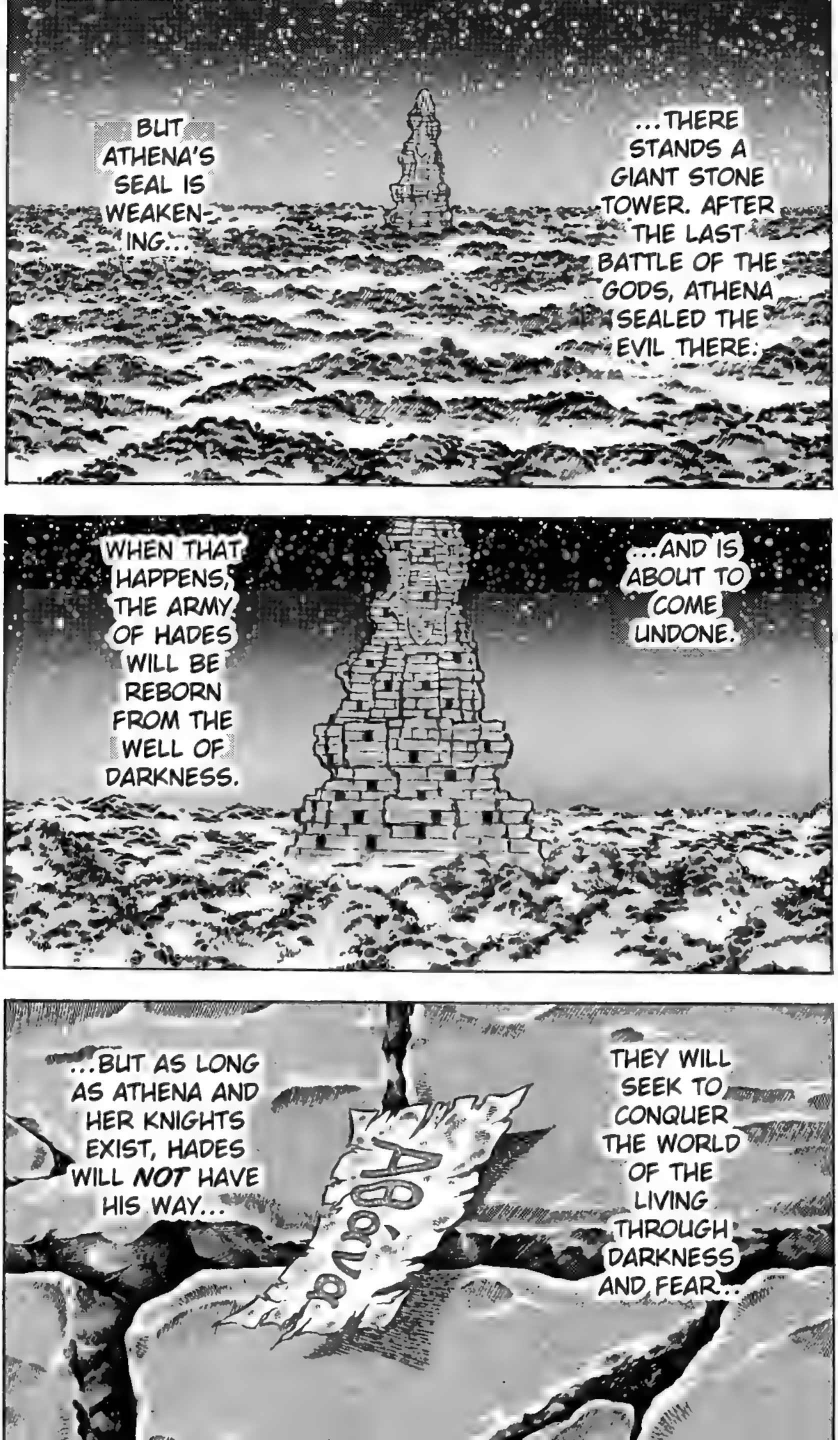
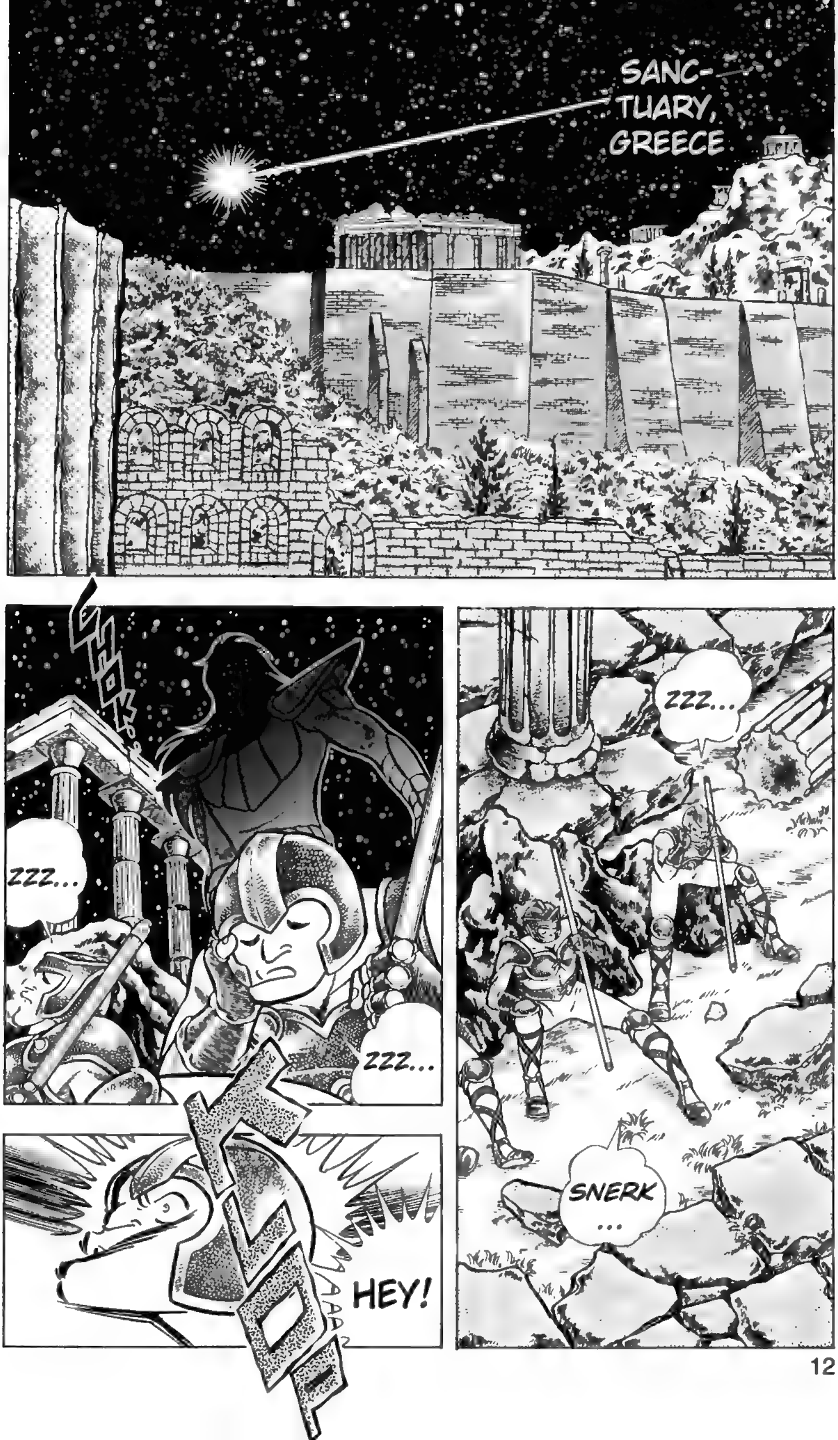



...THERE STANDS A GIANT STONE TOWER. AFTER THE LAST BATTLE OF THE GODS, ATHENA SEALED THE EVIL THERE.
BUT ATHENA'S SEAL IS WEAKENING...
...AND IS ABOUT TO COME UNDONE.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE ARMY OF HADES WILL BE REBORN FROM THE WELL OF DARKNESS.
THEY WILL SEEK TO CONQUER THE WORLD OF THE LIVING THROUGH DARKNESS AND FEAR...
...BUT AS LONG AS ATHENA AND HER KNIGHTS EXIST, HADES WILL *NOT* HAVE HIS WAY...

BOOOM
A NEW BATTLE OF THE GODS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!


SANC-
TUARY,
GREECE
CHOK..
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
SNERK
...
HEY!

READ THIS WAY

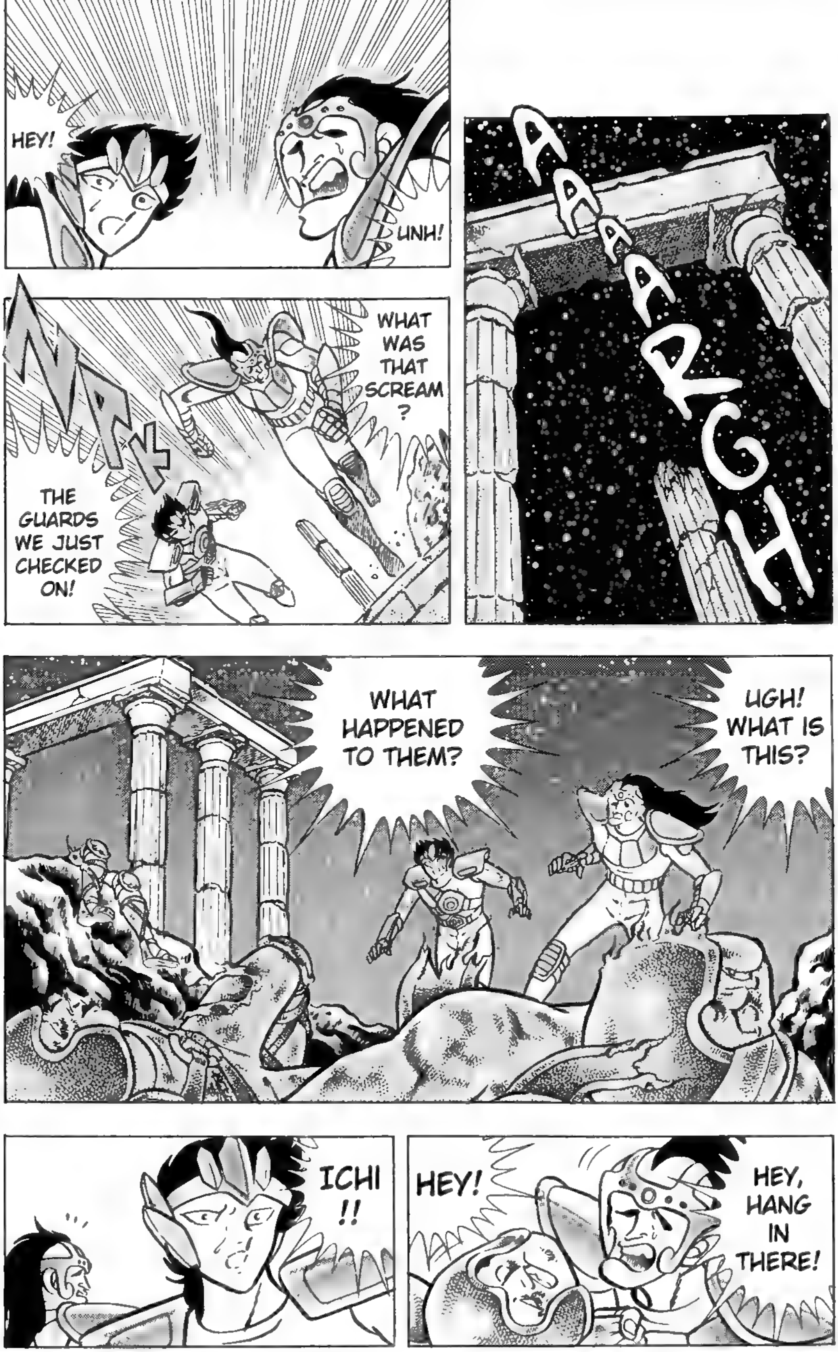
BUT ATHENA... IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, SHE'S RESTING IN THE BEDROOM OF THE MASTER'S CHAMBER.
THAT'S RIGHT. SHE TOOK ON ALL THE RAIN THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO FALL ON THE EARTH.
SHE WAS WIPED OUT FROM HER BATTLE AGAINST POSEIDON.
SO WHO EXACTLY IS SUPPOSED TO ATTACK US, ANYWAY?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S WHY NONE OF THE GOLD KNIGHTS WERE ABLE TO LEAVE SANCTUARY DURING THE POSEIDON BUSINESS.
I'M SO GLAD SHE MADE IT THROUGH.
SHE MAY BE A GODDESS, BUT HER BODY IS STILL MORTAL.
YEAH, BUT WE WENT INTO A STATE OF EMERGENCY RIGHT AFTER THAT...

ZZZ...
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT ALL THE KNIGHTS SCATTERED AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO DEFEND SANCTUARY.
YEAH, IT MUST BE AN ENEMY EVEN WORSE THAN POSEIDON.
OW!
HEY! DON'T DOZE! LORD ICHI WILL CHEW YOU OUT AGAIN!
HUH?
H-HEY, WAIT A SEC...
YEAH, NOT EVEN AN ANT CAN GET IN.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS OVERKILL? I MEAN, THERE'S ALREADY A BARRIER AROUND SANCTUARY AT ALL TIMES.
I WONDER WHAT THE GOLD KNIGHTS ARE AFRAID OF.
IS IT HUMAN?
WHO... OR WHAT... IS THAT?

ATHENA!
AWAKEN, GODDESS ATHENA ...
WHO ARE YOU?
HEH... YOU CAN'T HAVE FOR-GOTTEN ME.

I'VE COME FOR YOU, ATHENA!
HADES? WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH ME?
I AM *HADES*, GOD OF THE UNDER-WORLD!
NOW FOLLOW ME...
...TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD!
SLUK

FWASH
ATHENA !!
KASHOOOOM
hff
WH-WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
hff
WAS THAT REAL OR JUST AN OMINOUS VISION?
hff
hff
hff
EITHER WAY, IT'S AS I FEARED.
AS SOON AS HE IS RESUR-RECTED, HADES WILL ASSAULT SANCTU-ARY.
HE WILL HAVE BUT ONE PURPOSE ...
...TO TAKE ATHENA'S HEAD!!


HEY!
UNH!
AAAAARGH
WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM ?
THE GUARDS WE JUST CHECKED ON!
UGH! WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
ICHI !!
HEY, HANG IN THERE!
HEY!

WH... WHO ARE YOU?
IS THIS YOUR DOING?
HEY, ANSWER ME!
WHSH
CHAK
I...I PASSED STRAIGHT THROUGH HIM!
WHOA!

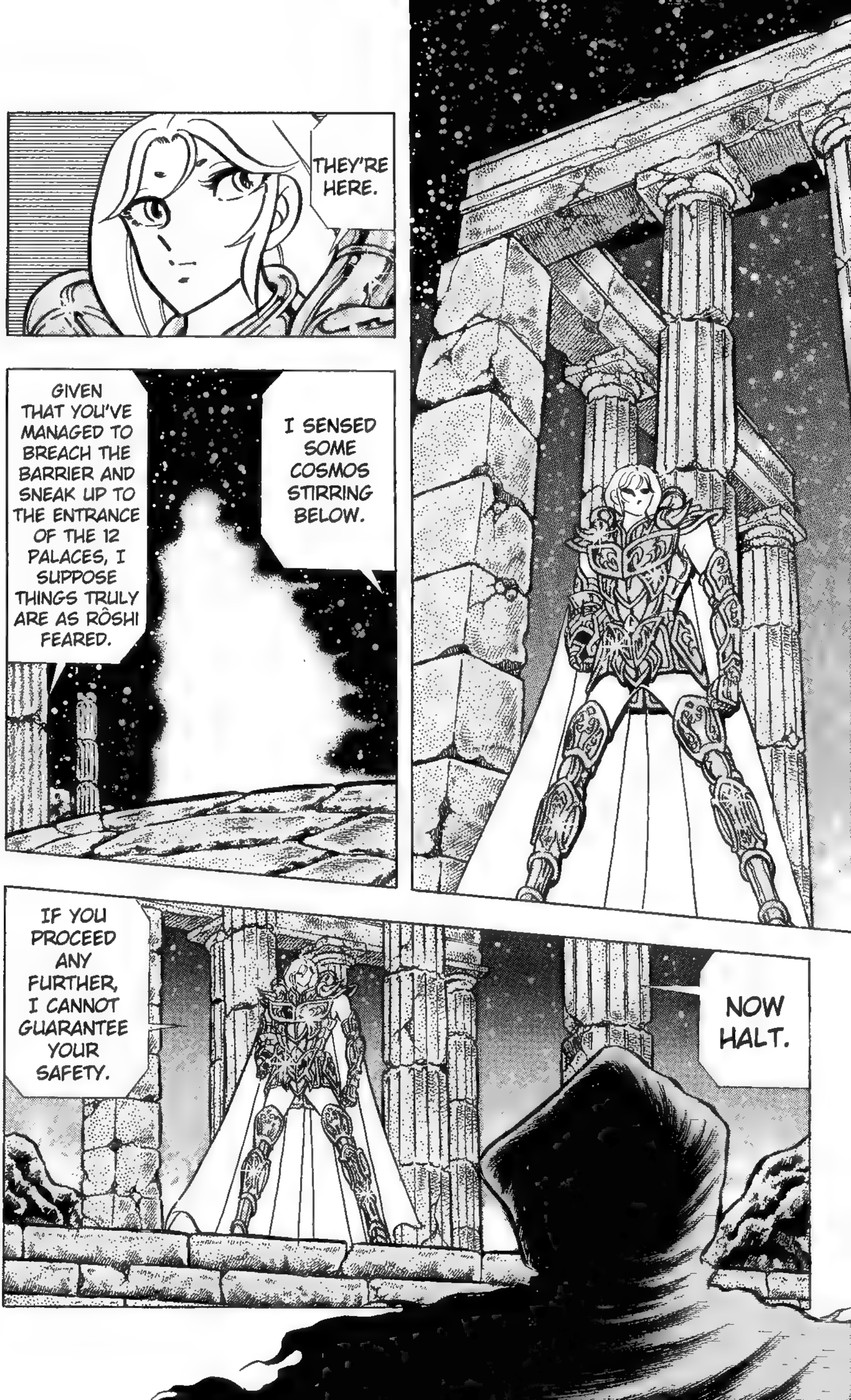
HIS... HIS FACE!
AIEE!
YOU MON-STER!
HE'S NOT HUMAN!
N... NACHI... LOOK AROUND YOU!!
ARGH!
MY PUNCHES GO THROUGH HIM! IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT EVEN THERE!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN'T HIT HIM!

THERE ISN'T JUST ONE. THEY'VE COME AS A GROUP...
UNH!
SHF
SHF
SHF
THEY'RE KINDA LIKE GHOSTS.
I'M NO GOOD AT THIS STUFF...
SHF

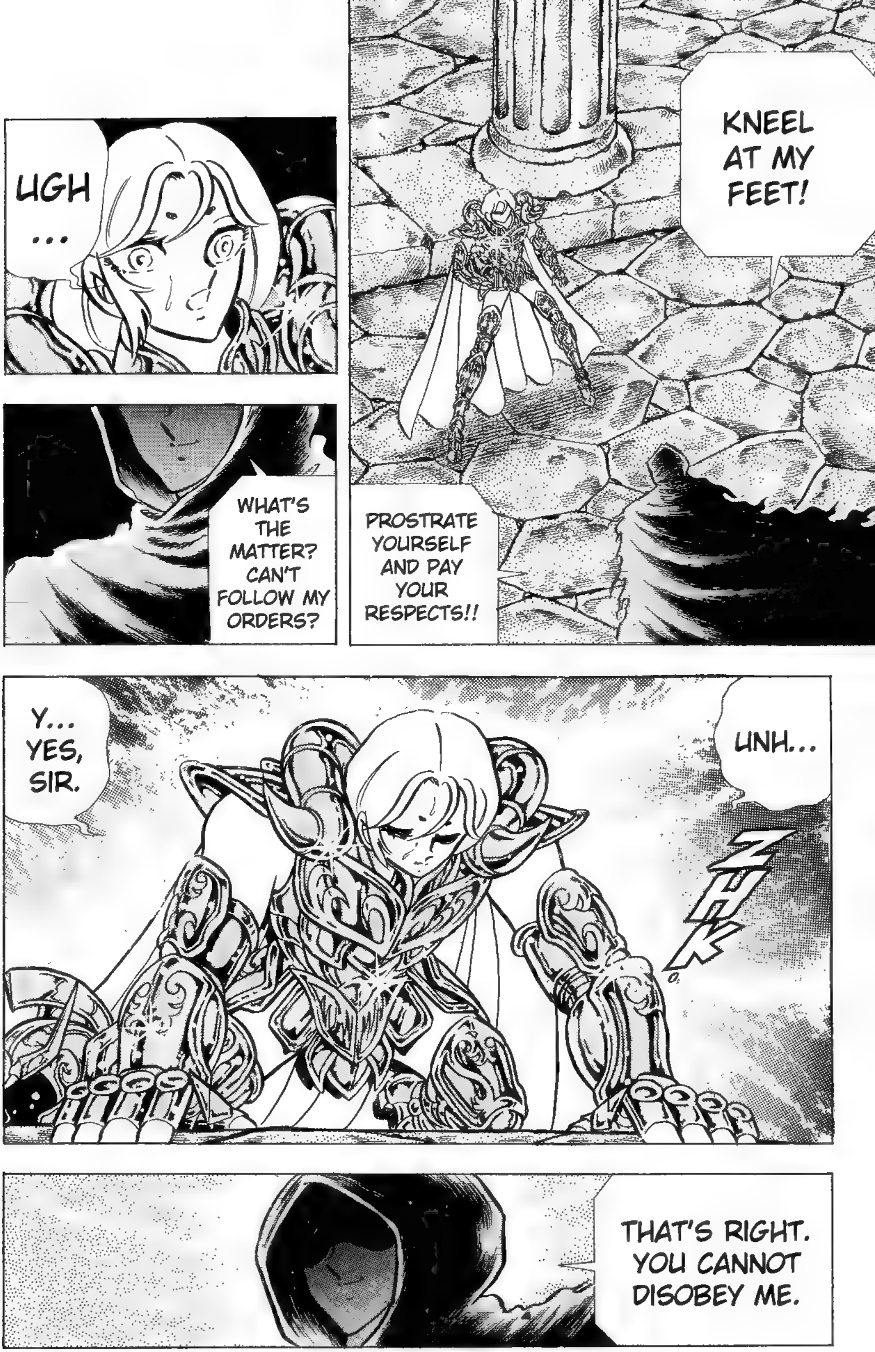
TH- THEY'RE COMING AT US!
AIEE!
WHASSH
UNICORN GALLOP !!
TAKKA

JAB !!
Y-YOU SAVED US!
I HEARD THE GUARDS SCREAM, SO I CAME TO CHECK UP. WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
WE HAVE NO IDEA!
UNH!
WHAT?
WHAT THE...

READ THIS WAY


THEY'RE HERE.
I SENSED SOME COSMOS STIRRING BELOW.
GIVEN THAT YOU'VE MANAGED TO BREACH THE BARRIER AND SNEAK UP TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE 12 PALACES, I SUPPOSE THINGS TRULY ARE AS RÔSHI FEARED.
NOW HALT.
IF YOU PROCEED ANY FURTHER, I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

READ THIS WAY


UGH ...
KNEEL AT MY FEET!
PROSTRATE YOURSELF AND PAY YOUR RESPECTS!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN'T FOLLOW MY ORDERS?
Y... YES, SIR.
UNH...
ZUHK
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU CANNOT DISOBEY ME.

I HAVE AN ORDER FOR YOU, MÛ. WITHIN 12 HOURS, BRING ME ATHENA'S HEAD!

UNH...
WHAT'S WRONG, MÛ? WHY DO YOU HESITATE? HURRY AND DO AS I BID!
EVEN AS AN ORDER FROM *YOU*...
...THAT'S ONE THING...I CANNOT DO...
YOU... YOU'RE...
WHAT?
MÛ!!
TAK
FOOL! YOU KNOW HOW SEVERE A CRIME IT IS TO DISOBEY HIM!
TAK

DAOOOM

TONY SILVER
IVAN SILVER
GAVIN SILVER
EDOMON SILVER
HELGA SILVER
PTOLEMY SILVER SAGITTA
LUDWIG SILVER
SERGE SILVER

READ THIS WAY

PISCES APHRODITE!!
SHUNK
CANCER MEPHISTO!!
WE PLEDGED FEALTY TO LORD HADES, GOD OF THE UNDERWORLD, AND WERE GRANTED NEW LIFE.
BUT YOU DIED! YOUR BODIES WERE PUT TO REST IN THE CEMETERY!
HAVE YOU RISEN AS PHANTOMS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T REST?
HEH HEH HEH... WE'RE NOT PHANTOMS.

READ THIS WAY
HADES!
I...I SEE. JUST AS RÔSHI FEARED...
...HADES HAS RETURNED, ALONG WITH HIS 108 STARS OF DARKNESS.
BUT MEPHISTO AND APHRODITE... THIS IS *PATHETIC.*
WHAT?
YOU'VE NOT ONLY SOLD YOUR DIGNITY TO BECOME HADES' LACKEYS, BUT YOU'VE AGREED TO TARGET ATHENA!
HOW DARE YOU, ESPECIALLY AS FORMER KNIGHTS OF ATHENA?
SHUT UP! THOSE WHO STILL ENJOY LIFE CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND THE *TERROR* OF THE LAND OF THE DEAD!
WHAT?
TH... THOSE CLOTHS!!

THEY'RE THE CANCER AND PISCES CLOTHS!!
SHIIIING
H... HOW ...
HOW CAN YOU BE WEARING GOLD CLOTHS?

READ THIS WAY

TAK
WE'LL FETCH ATHENA'S HEAD OUR-SELVES!!
IF YOU WON'T HELP US, MÛ, MOVE ASIDE!
DO YOU DARE DISOBEY HIS LORDSHIP?
I COULD NEVER DISOBEY HIS LORDSHIP'S OWN ORDERS.
BUT DON'T THINK THAT MEANS I'LL JUST LET THE TWO OF YOU PASS.
THEN WE'LL FORCE OUR WAY THROUGH!
WHAT?

FWASH
SHIIING
CRYSTAL WALL!!

WHAT'S THIS?
THERE'S AN INVISIBLE WALL IN FRONT OF US!!
I'LL TAKE DOWN THIS SHAM WITH A SINGLE BLAST!!
UNDER-WORLD PORTAL CONFINE-MENT!!

CHUKK
AIEE!
WHAP
ARGH!
IMPOSSIBLE... THE FULL FORCE OF MY UNDERWORLD BLAST WAS DEFLECTED BACK AT ME!
I...I ALMOST GOT SENT BACK TO THE AFTERLIFE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE... UGH...
STEP ASIDE, MEPHISTO. I'LL PULVERIZE MÛ'S PATHETIC TRICK...

PIRANHA ROSES!!
...WITH MY BLACK ROSES THAT SHRED ANYTHING THEY TOUCH!
FWASH
T K T K T K T K T K

UGH!
YAUGH!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? THE CRYSTAL WALL IS VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE.
WH... WHAT?
SHING
ATTACKING IT IS LIKE ATTACKING YOUR REFLECTION IN A MIRROR.
THE FORCE OF YOUR BLOW IS SIMPLY REFLECTED BACK AT YOU.

GOROHO...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE "HEADING OUT"? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THAT'S... WELL, SUNREI, IT'S BEST THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.
BUT FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, RÔSHI, YOU'VE *NEVER* LEFT GOROHO.
WHEN WILL YOU RETURN?
HMM...I WONDER. PERHAPS NEVER... HO HO...
BUT...
...WHAT ON EARTH HAS *HAPPENED?*
LISTEN WELL, SUNREI. EVEN IF I NEVER RETURN, YOU STILL HAVE SHIRYÛ.
RÔSHI...
YOU MUST NEVER LET GO OF YOUR BELOVED SHIRYÛ, YOU HEAR?

SHIRYÛ...SEIYA... HYÔGA...SHUN... IKKI...I TRULY REGRET MAKING THEM BEAR THE BURDEN OF BATTLE FOR SO LONG.
BUT THAT'S OVER NOW. FROM HERE ON OUT, WE'LL LET THEM LIVE PEACEFULLY, AS ORDINARY BOYS...
YOU'RE TO LIVE WITH SHIRYÛ IN PEACE AND HARMONY. UNDER-STAND?
FARE-WELL, SUNREI ...
HEH
RÔSHI ...
OH ...
RÔSHI ...

EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING MAY BE CONSIDERED TREASON AGAINST *ME.*
SHHK
CEASE AND DESIST, MÛ. THESE TWO ARE UNDER MY COMMAND.
UNH ...
NOW TAKE DOWN THE CRYSTAL WALL, MÛ!
DO YOU REALLY THINK SUCH A THING COULD STOP ME?
WOSH
IF YOU DON'T, I SHALL TAKE IT DOWN FOR YOU!

IT'S COM-PLETELY GONE!!
YES!
NOW NOTHING STANDS IN YOUR WAY.
GO FORTH AND BRING ME ATHENA'S HEAD.
YES, SIR!
WE KNOW EVERY DETAIL OF THE PATH OF THE 12 PALACES!
WE'LL BE AT THE MASTER'S CHAMBER IN NO TIME!
OH!

SHK
MOVE ASIDE!
IF IT CAN'T BE HELPED, LET'S FIGHT!
ENOUGH, MÛ!
UNH!
I TOLD YOU, THOSE TWO ARE UNDER MY COMMAND.
IF YOU RAISE YOUR FIST AGAINST *THEM*, YOU'RE RAISING IT AGAINST *ME*.
BAM
OUT OF OUR WAY, MÛ!
UGH ...

COME ON!
I TOLD YOU, GET OUT OF OUR WAY!
UNH... UGH...
WHY, YOU ...
I...IT'S MY SWORN DUTY TO DEFEND THE PALACE OF THE WHITE RAM...
I CAN'T LET YOU PASS...EVEN IF IT MEANS DEATH...
SO BE IT!
DIE, MÛ!!

AAAARGH!!
GAH!
UNH... UGH...
WHO'S INTER-FERING WITH OUR FIGHT?
OH!
YOU!

LAMENTATION! TEARS OF BLOOD

SEIYA!

BAMM
MÛ!!
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?
TAKKA
HOW COULD A WARRIOR AS FIERCE AS YOU GET BEATEN UP?
OH!
MEPHISTO! APHRODITE!!
I...IS THIS A DREAM?
NO WAY! I THOUGHT YOU DIED IN THE BATTLE OF THE 12 PALACES!

READ THIS WAY

ATHENA'S SEAL FROM THE LAST BATTLE OF THE GODS HAS COME UNDONE. HADES HAS BEEN REBORN AND WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD THROUGH DARKNESS AND FEAR.
TO STOP HIS AMBITIONS, ATHENA AND HER KNIGHTS WERE BORN INTO THIS AGE AND HAVE GATHERED HERE IN SANCTUARY!!

HADES'S FIRST GOAL IS TO DESTROY SANCTUARY AND TAKE ATHENA'S HEAD!!
WHAT?
NO WAY!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU GOLD KNIGHTS COULDN'T LEAVE SANCTUARY WHEN WE FOUGHT POSEIDON.
FOR A WHILE, I EVEN MIS-TRUSTED RÔSHI...
NEVER MIND THAT, SEIYA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I CAME TO SANCTU-ARY TO SEE MARIN ABOUT SOME-THING...
...BUT WHEN I GOT HERE, I SENSED ALL THESE WEIRD COSMOS...
HUH? ME?
GO HOME.
HUH?
THIS IS NO LONGER A PLACE FOR YOU OR YOUR KIND!
LEAVE IMMEDI-ATELY!

TAK
GOROHO ...
SUN-REI.
OH!
SHIRYÛ! YOU MUSTN'T GET UP. YOU HAVE TO REST...YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETELY HEALED...
SUNREI, WHERE'S RÔSHI?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? RÔSHI HASN'T ...
RÔSHI'S COSMO HAS VANISHED FROM HIS SPOT IN FRONT OF THE GREAT WATERFALL.
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO MAKE RÔSHI LEAVE GOROHO?
DON'T LIE, SUN-REI.
EVEN THOUGH I'M BLIND, IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR TO ME.

ALSO, I SENSED MALEVOLENT STARS SPRINGING UP SOMEWHERE TO THE WEST.
SINCE THEN, I'VE FELT OMINOUS COSMOS SWARMING AROUND SANCTUARY.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE... SOMETHING'S HAPPENED.
SOMETHING UNIMAGIN-ABLY HORRIBLE...
BAH
NO!!
NO, NO!
NO!
PLEASE DON'T THINK SUCH THINGS ANYMORE!
RÔSHI TOLD US THAT HE'D NEVER ASK YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO FIGHT AGAIN!!
PLEASE... DON'T THINK ABOUT BATTLE ANYMORE!
PLEASE, SHIRYÛ !!
SUNREI ...

EASTERN SIBERIA
MAMA ...
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO VISIT YOU SINCE YOUR SHIP SANK TO THE DEEPEST PART OF THE SEA. I HOPE YOU AREN'T LONELY.
I BELIEVE I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DIVE TO THE DARKEST DEPTHS...
...BUT I HAVE SWORN NEVER TO VISIT YOU AGAIN.

I'LL PRAY FOR PEACE FOR ALL YOUR PRECIOUS, IRREPLACEABLE SOULS. FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE, HERE IN EASTERN SIBERIA, FOREVER MORE...
BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, EITHER. NOR MY BELOVED MASTER CAMUS, WHO GUIDED ME, NOR MY COMRADE ISAAC.
OH!
AGAIN... STRANGE COSMOS STIRRING IN THE DIRECTION OF SANCTU-ARY.
WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?

LORD NOBU'S MANOR, TOKYO
BIG BROTHER ...
I WONDER WHAT IKKI'S BEEN UP TO.
KNOWING HIM, I'M SURE HE'S ALL RIGHT, BUT I WORRY.
WHICH REMINDS ME...I WONDER HOW SEIYA'S DOING, TOO.
HE LEFT FOR GREECE TO LOOK FOR MARIN AND FIND MORE CLUES ABOUT HIS MISSING SISTER, SEIKA...
...BUT I HEAR THAT NOW MARIN HERSELF HAS DISAPPEARED.
POOR SEIYA ...
UP TO NOW, HE'S FOUGHT SO HARD TO FIND HIS SISTER.
I'LL PRAY FOR YOU, TOO, SEIYA. I'LL PRAY YOU FIND SEIKA SOON...

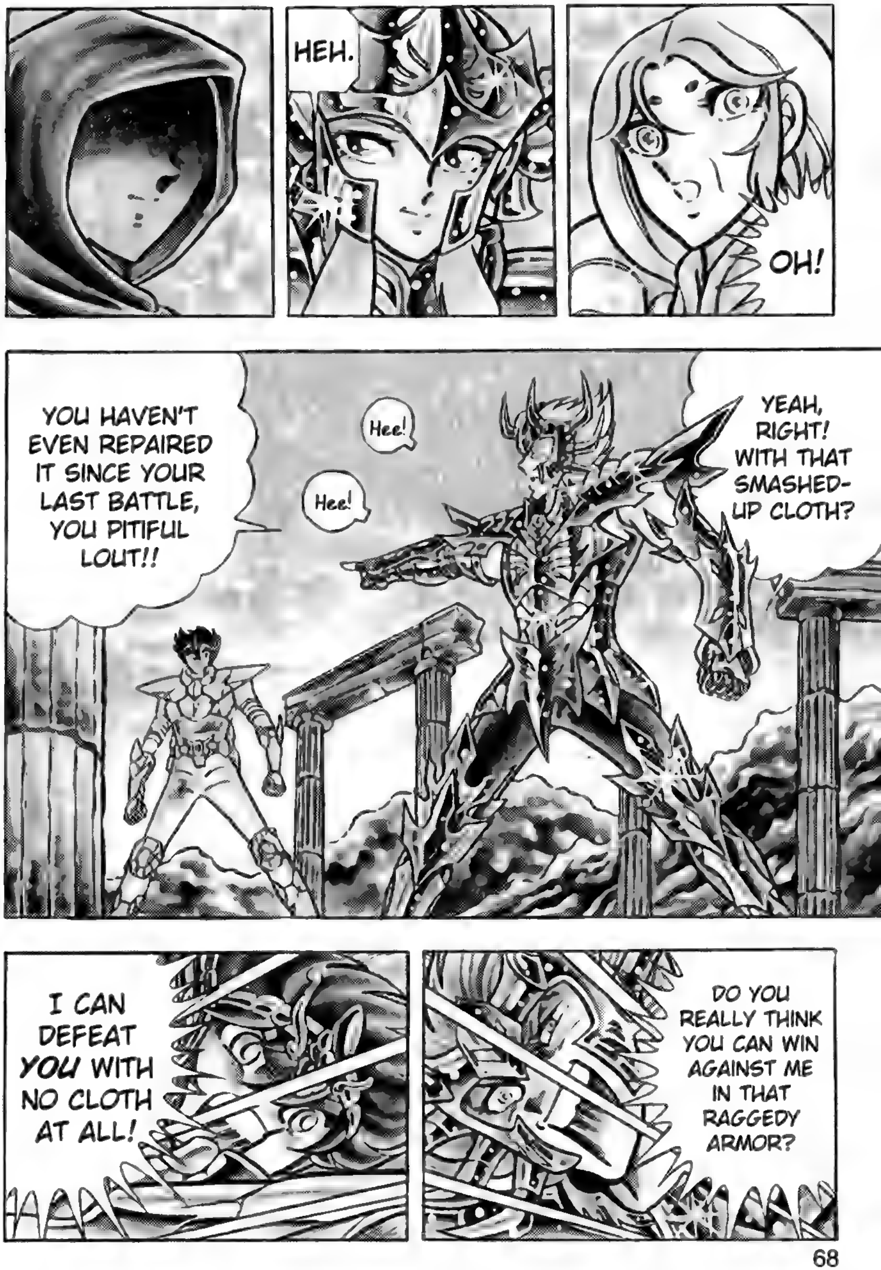
IT'S THOSE COSMOS I KEEP SENSING AROUND SANCTUARY!
WHAT COULD SUCH BIZARRE COSMOS *BE*?
OH!
SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON AT SANCTUARY.
I'VE GOT TO GO...FOR PRINCESS SIENNA!
THERE'S NO NEED, SHUN.
TATSUMI!
YOU, SEIYA, SHIRYÛ, HYÔGA AND IKKI ARE HENCEFORTH NEVER TO SET FOOT IN SANCTUARY AGAIN.
IF YOU DO, YOU WILL BE EXECUTED, AS PER ATHENA'S ORDERS.
WH... WHAT?

DEATH?
PRINCESS SIENNA ORDERED YOU TO CHASE US OUT OF SANCTUARY... AND *KILL* US IF WE DON'T GO?
THAT'S CORRECT. IT IS ATHENA'S WILL.
BUT WE'RE ATHENA'S KNIGHTS! WE'VE FOUGHT ALL THOSE BATTLES FOR HER!
AND NOW THAT I KNOW ABOUT HADES, I CAN'T SIT AROUND TWIDDLING MY THUMBS! THE OTHERS WILL FEEL THE SAME WAY!
MÛ, THIS HAS GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!!
LET ME TALK TO PRINCESS SIENNA... TO ATHENA!!
ARGH!

READ THIS WAY

YOU'VE ALL BEEN AXED! YOU'VE OUTLIVED YOUR USEFULNESS! HA HA HA!
THERE'S AN OLD CHINESE SAYING--"WHEN THE RABBITS ARE GONE, THE HOUNDS GO IN THE STEWPOT!"
TMP
WASTE ANY MORE OF OUR TIME, AND I'LL KILL YOU!!
NOW GET LOST, STUPID BRONZE BRAT!!
TMP
TMP
UNH!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO SCRAM!
YOU'RE JUST A GHOST! YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!

AIEE!!
COME ON, MEPHISTO! LET'S FIGHT!!


HEH.
OH!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN REPAIRED IT SINCE YOUR LAST BATTLE, YOU PITIFUL LOUT!!
Hee!
Hee!
YEAH, RIGHT! WITH THAT SMASHED-UP CLOTH?
I CAN DEFEAT *YOU* WITH NO CLOTH AT ALL!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN WIN AGAINST ME IN THAT RAGGEDY ARMOR?

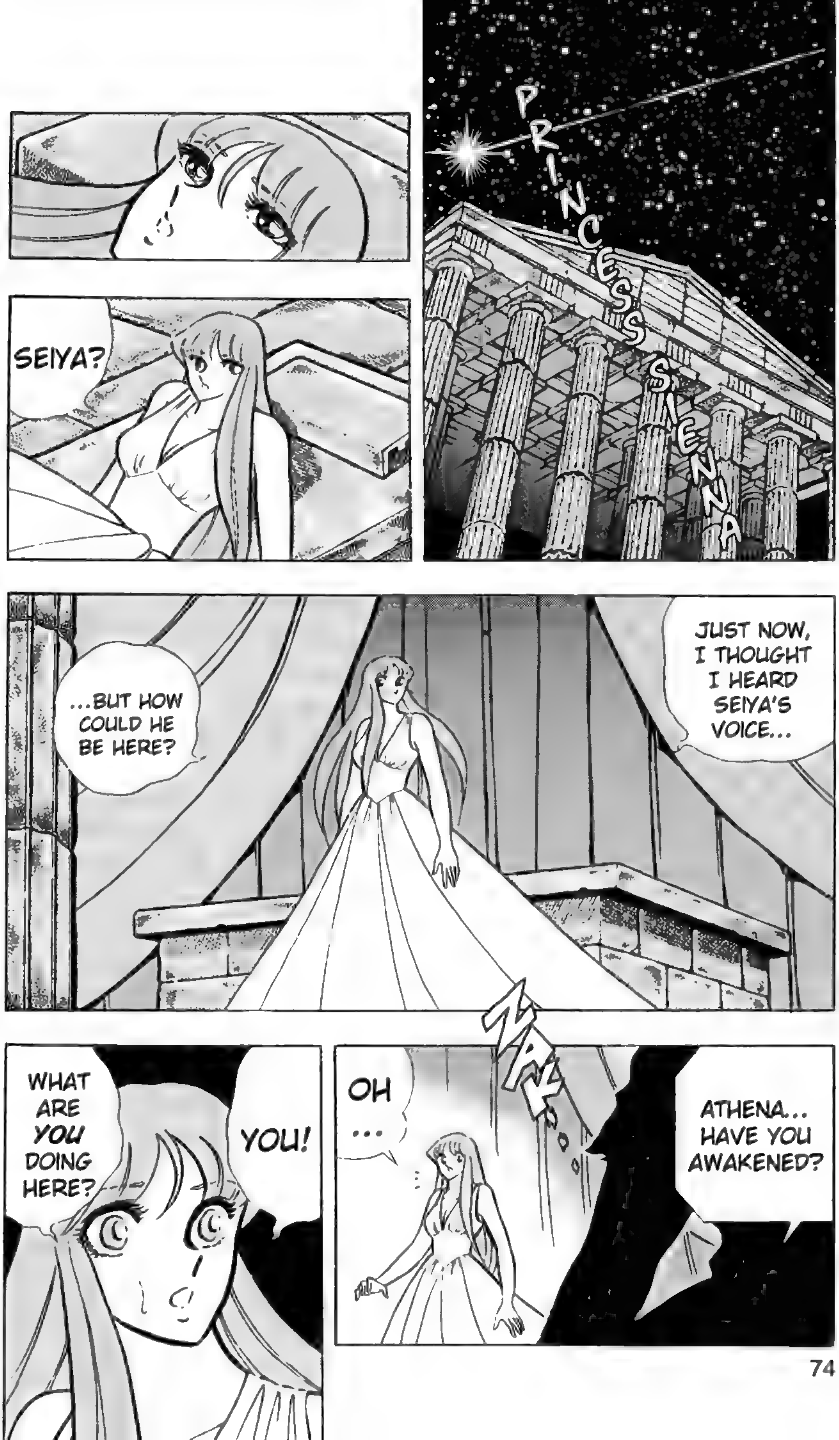
NOW YOU'VE TICKED ME OFF!
TIME TO WORK OUT MY FRUS-TRATIONS!
UNH!
YOU ...
UGH!
... LITTLE BRAT !!

PEGA-
SUS
ROLLING
CRUSH!!

I'LL BASH YOU UNTIL YOU SPIT UP FOAM LIKE A *REAL* CRAB!!
GET UP, MEPH-ISTO!
CRASH
TA TA TA
THAT'S IT! THIS WILL BE MY FIRST BLOOD-BATH!
CURSED BRAT...
AAARGH!
JUST TRY IT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL CRAWL BACK IN THAT HOLE, MEPHISTO!!
I'LL HURL YOU INTO THE ENTRY HOLE OF THE UNDERWORLD, THE *YOMOTSU-HIRASAKA!*
PEGA-SUS METEOR PUNCH!
UNDER-WORLD PORTAL CONFINE-MENT!
GAH!

UNH !
WHAT ?
HUH?

M... MÛ?
BUT WHY?
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU THAT IF YOU DIDN'T LEAVE, I'D HAVE TO KILL YOU.
B... BUT...
PRIN-CESS... SIENNA...
SIEN... NA...
PRINCESS SIENNA



PRINCESS SIENNA
SEIYA?
JUST NOW, I THOUGHT I HEARD SEIYA'S VOICE...
...BUT HOW COULD HE BE HERE?
ATHENA... HAVE YOU AWAKENED?
OH ...
YOU!
WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

UNH...
UGH... UNH...
SO IT'S TRUE ...
W-WE REALLY **HAVE** OUTLIVED OUR USEFULNESS, HUH?
M... MÛ ...
HEH.

UNH!
IT'S TRUE, ALL RIGHT!
AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE!
MÛ WILL HAND NOT ONLY YOU BRONZES TO HADES, BUT ATHENA AS WELL!
WHAT?
NO WAY! YOU'RE CRAZY!
I DON'T TRUST ANYTHING YOU SAY...
HEH HEH HEH... DOUBT ME IF YOU LIKE.
BUT MÛ WILL DO IT, WHETHER HE WANTS TO OR NOT...

...AS LONG AS HIS LORDSHIP'S ON OUR SIDE!!
WH... WHO IS THAT?
FOOL! A GREENHORN LIKE YOU DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW!
THERE ISN'T ONE PERSON IN SANCTUARY WHO CAN DISOBEY HIM!
BUT I'LL TELL YOU, IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR ONE-WAY TICKET TO THE AFTERLIFE!
LISTEN CLOSELY, SEIYA! HIS LORDSHIP'S NAME IS...

UNH!
WHY, YOU...
DON'T INTERFERE, MEPHISTO.
YOW!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF SEIYA.
WAH!
UGH... THAT MÛ HAS SUCH A GENTLE FACE...
...BUT SUCH FEAR-SOME POWER...

READ THIS WAY
TAK
MÛ ...
SEIYA... REST IN PEACE.
FARE-WELL.
SHP
W... WAIT ...
MÛ!!

STAR-
LIGHT
EXTINC-
TION!!

READ THIS WAY
YAAAUGH!!
WHAT IS THAT?
SEIYA'S ENVELOPED IN A RING OF LIGHT!
HIS BODY'S DISAPPEARING ...
...LIKE IT'S *MELTING* INTO THE LIGHT!

SEIYA'S DISAPPEARED ...
HE'S GONE ...
SHOOSH
IT'S COMPLETELY VANISHED.
IT WAS LIKE HIS BODY WAS SWALLOWED BY STARLIGHT.
HEH.
YOUR STARLIGHT EXTINCTION IS AS FEARSOME AS EVER, MÛ.
THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
WHERE? THERE'S ONLY ONE DESTINATION FOR THOSE SNARED IN THE STARLIGHT EXTINCTION.
WHERE DID YOU SEND PEGASUS?
BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL MY EYES.

READ THIS WAY

DO YOU STILL NOT UNDER-STAND?
BY RAISING YOUR FIST AGAINST THOSE TWO, YOU DEFY ME!
AAARGH!
UNH!
MÛ!!

READ THIS WAY

...THE PEACEFUL, SAINTLY GOLDEN RAM HAS SHOWN HIS HORNS!!

READ THIS WAY

AAAARGH!!
STAR-LIGHT EXTINCTION!!
WHOOOSH
MEPHISTO AND APHRODITE, YOUR BODIES NO LONGER EXIST ON THIS PLANE. YOU'RE BACK IN THE UNDERWORLD.
YES... THE TWO OF YOU ARE TRULY DEAD NOW...

MÛ, YOU FOOL. YOU MAY HAVE ELIMINATED THOSE TWO, BUT YOU HAVEN'T ENDED THE BATTLE.
IN FACT, YOU'RE MAKING THINGS WORSE.
WITH RESPECT, SIR, I STILL CANNOT RETREAT.
NOT UNTIL ALL 108 OF HADES'S SPECTERS ARE DE-FEATED.
I AM NOT REFER-RING TO THE 108 SPEC-TERS.
MEPHISTO AND APHRODITE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE COME FOR ATHENA'S HEAD.
WHAT?
IT'S TRUE! I SENSE SEVERAL SPECTERS BEHIND HIS LORDSHIP!
AND THEIR COSMOS ARE ALL FAMILIAR TO ME! DON'T TELL ME ...
UNH!

SHAA
NO! NOT YOU THREE AS WELL!
DON'T TELL ME YOU ALL FELL TO THE TEMPTATIONS OF HADES!

RAZE THIS CEMETERY!
HUH?
BUT MISS SHINA, THE BODIES OF THE BLESSED KNIGHTS RESTING HERE WILL BE...
THAT'S RIGHT... WE'RE GOING TO BURN THEM ALL.
AT THIS POINT, IT'S USELESS TO TIGHTEN OUR BORDERS.
VAN SILVER
ZOLA SILVER
SALOMO SILVER
MISS SHINA, IT'S AWFUL! THE GOLD KNIGHTS' GRAVES ARE PILLAGED, JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY WERE DISTURBED FROM INSIDE, TOO!
WHAT?
KIM SILVER
THE ENEMY...
...IS COMING FROM WITHIN SANCTUARY!

ZAKK
UGH!
MEPHISTO
GOLD
CANCER SAINT
PAUL
CAMUS
GOLD
NOW THAT EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE GOLD KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN REBORN AS ENEMIES...
IT'S TOO LATE. IT'S ALREADY BEYOND OUR CONTROL...
SAGA
GOLD
GEMINI SAINT
JOHAN
...SANCTUARY WILL BE DESTROYED FROM THE INSIDE OUT!!

SAGA...
SHURA... CAMUS... NOT YOU AS WELL...

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE ALL JOINED HADES...
...AND COME TO TAKE ATHENA'S LIFE!
TAK
THAT'S COR-RECT.
NOW MOVE ASIDE, MÛ.
SH... SHURA ...

UNH!
EXCALI-BUR!!

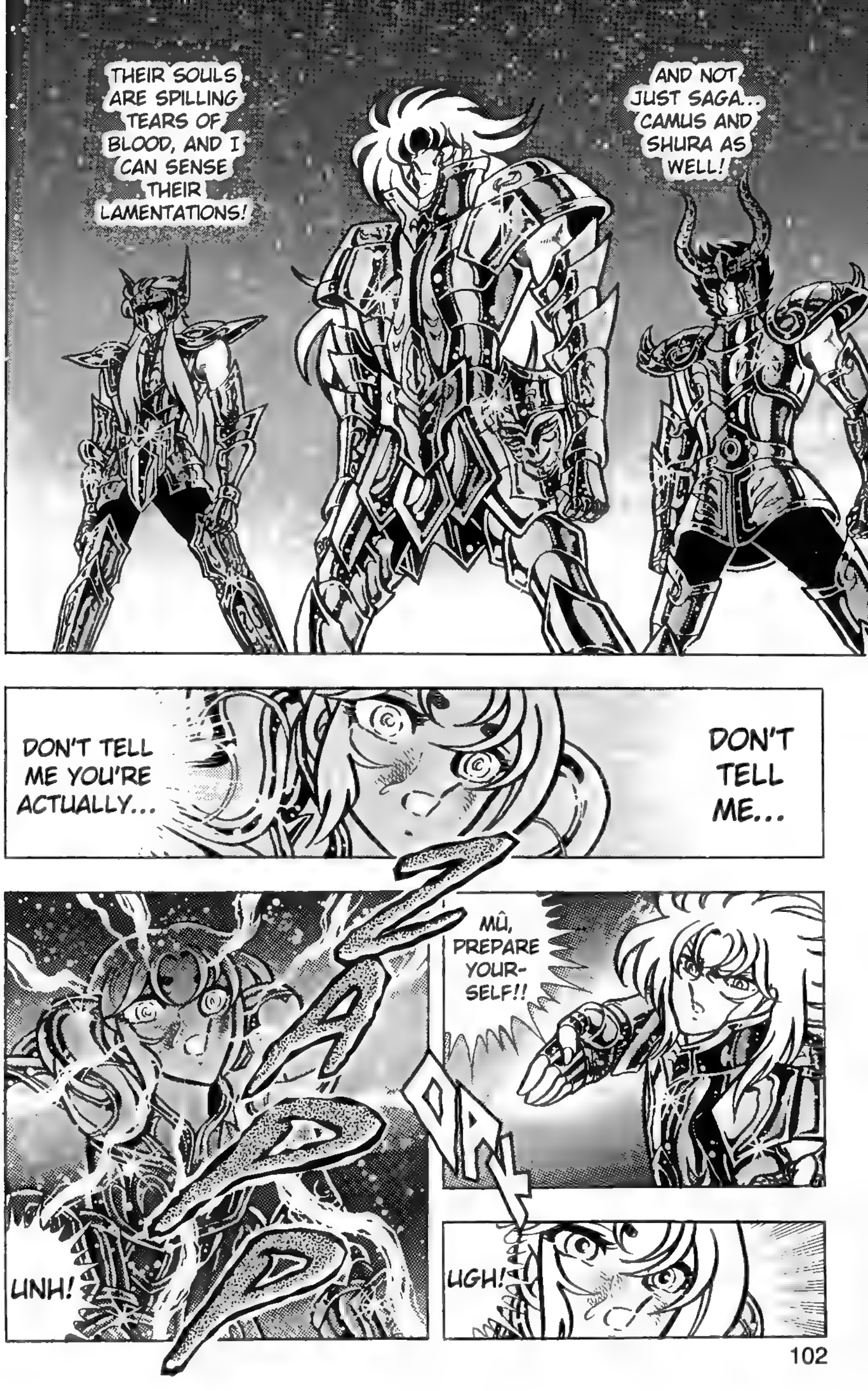
TAK...
SHHH...
YOU CAN TELEPORT AWAY, BUT NEXT TIME YOU'LL LOSE MORE THAN JUST YOUR *HAIR*, MÛ.
UNH...

SHURA! DON'T SPILL HIS BLOOD IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
TAK
I'LL MAKE HIM STEP ASIDE ...
CAMUS ...
...WITH MY FROZEN AIR!!
SHING
UNH!

WHAM
DIA-
MOND
DUST!

UGH!
U... UNH ...
SHK
A TRUE MAN LIKE MÛ WILL NEVER BUDGE, NO MATTER WHAT.
IT WOULD BE MORE MERCIFUL TO KILL HIM OUTRIGHT.

SAGA ...
D...DID YOU REALLY ...
MÛ...
HUH ?
WHAT IS THIS?
H... HE'S WEEPING!
SAGA'S HEART IS WEEPING!


THEIR SOULS ARE SPILLING TEARS OF BLOOD, AND I CAN SENSE THEIR LAMENTATIONS!
AND NOT JUST SAGA... CAMUS AND SHURA AS WELL!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ACTUALLY...
DON'T TELL ME...
UNH!
MÛ, PREPARE YOUR-SELF!!
UGH!

I CAN'T MOVE!!
WH- WHAT THE...
I SHALL FINISH HIM OFF MYSELF. HURRY AND TAKE ATHENA'S HEAD!
ENOUGH, SAGA. I'VE SEALED MÛ'S MOVEMENTS.

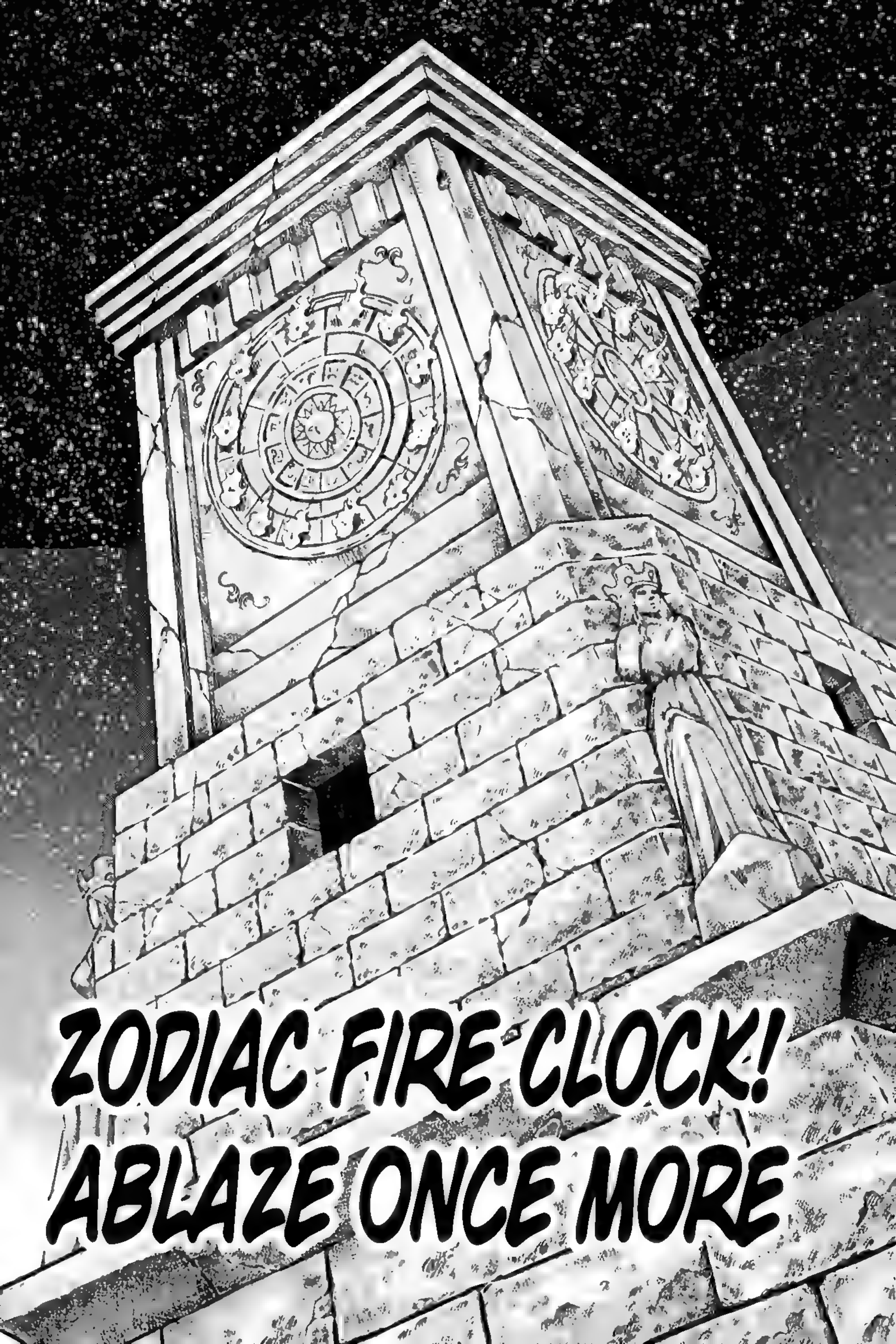
DO NOT FORGET... YOU HAVE 12 HOURS.
IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED BY THEN, YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
YES, SIR.
WE'LL BE OFF.
YES, SIR.
W... WAIT... UGH...
UGH ...

TAK
HAVE YOU PREPARED YOURSELF?
YOU HAVE COMMITTED MANY CRIMES AGAINST ME, MÛ.
YOU ARE STILL PRECIOUS TO ME.
THERE-FORE, I SHALL KILL YOU MYSELF, PAIN-LESSLY.
UNH ...
FARE-WELL, MÛ!!
WH-WHO IN THE WORLD ...
WHAT? THE ZODIAC FIRE CLOCK JUST BLAZED TO LIFE!!

RÔSHI!
HO HO...IT WAS I.
HO HO!
LET'S FIGHT!
DÔKO ...
LONG TIME NO SEE, SHION.

243 YEARS, EH?
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE REUNITED LIKE *THIS.*
WHY DON'T YOU REVEAL YOURSELF ALREADY, EH?
MY DEAR FRIEND.
UGH...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FELL TO SAGA'S EVIL AMBITIONS...
...THE FORMER MASTER OF SANCTUARY...
FWASH
FWAP

ARIES
SHION
!!


ZODIAC FIRE CLOCK!
ABLAZE ONCE MORE

AH...MY BELOVED MASTER, ARIES SHION.
BUT YOUR APPEARANCE...
YOU SHOULD BE 261 YEARS OLD, LIKE ME...
...BUT YOU LOOK JUST AS YOU DID BEFORE THE LAST BATTLE OF THE GODS!
SURPRISED, DÔKO? THIS IS THE POWER OF THE LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD.
WHAT?

BECAUSE I'VE PLEDGED FEALTY TO LORD HADES, I'VE BEEN GRANTED A SECOND LIFE OVERFLOWING WITH VITALITY!
MY BODY IS 18 YEARS OLD, IN THE PRIME OF LIFE, WHEN HUMANS ARE AT THEIR STRONGEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL!

BY CONTRAST, MY DEAR DÔKO...
... YOU'VE AGED.
YOUR LIFE AND YOUTH ARE MERE ILLUSIONS.
IT'S AN ILLUSION.
WHAT?
WHY DO YOU THINK I LIT THE ZODIAC FIRE CLOCK?
YOUR LIVES SHALL LAST ONLY AS LONG AS THAT CLOCK REMAINS LIT.
YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE, SHION.
MÛ?
YES, RÔSHI ?
PURSUE SAGA AND HIS ACCOM-PLICES AT ONCE.
WORK WITH AIORIA AND THE OTHERS TO PREVENT THE SPECTERS FROM GETTING NEAR ATHENA.

IN A MERE 12 HOURS, THE ZODIAC FIRE CLOCK WILL GO OUT!
FWASH
DURING THAT TIME, YOU MUST PROTECT ATHENA AT ALL COSTS!
UNH!
I CAN MOVE AGAIN!
RÔSHI REVERSED MY PARALYSIS!
I'LL TAKE OVER HERE. GO, MÛ!
YES, SIR!
ALL RIGHT!
NO!
WAIT, MÛ!!

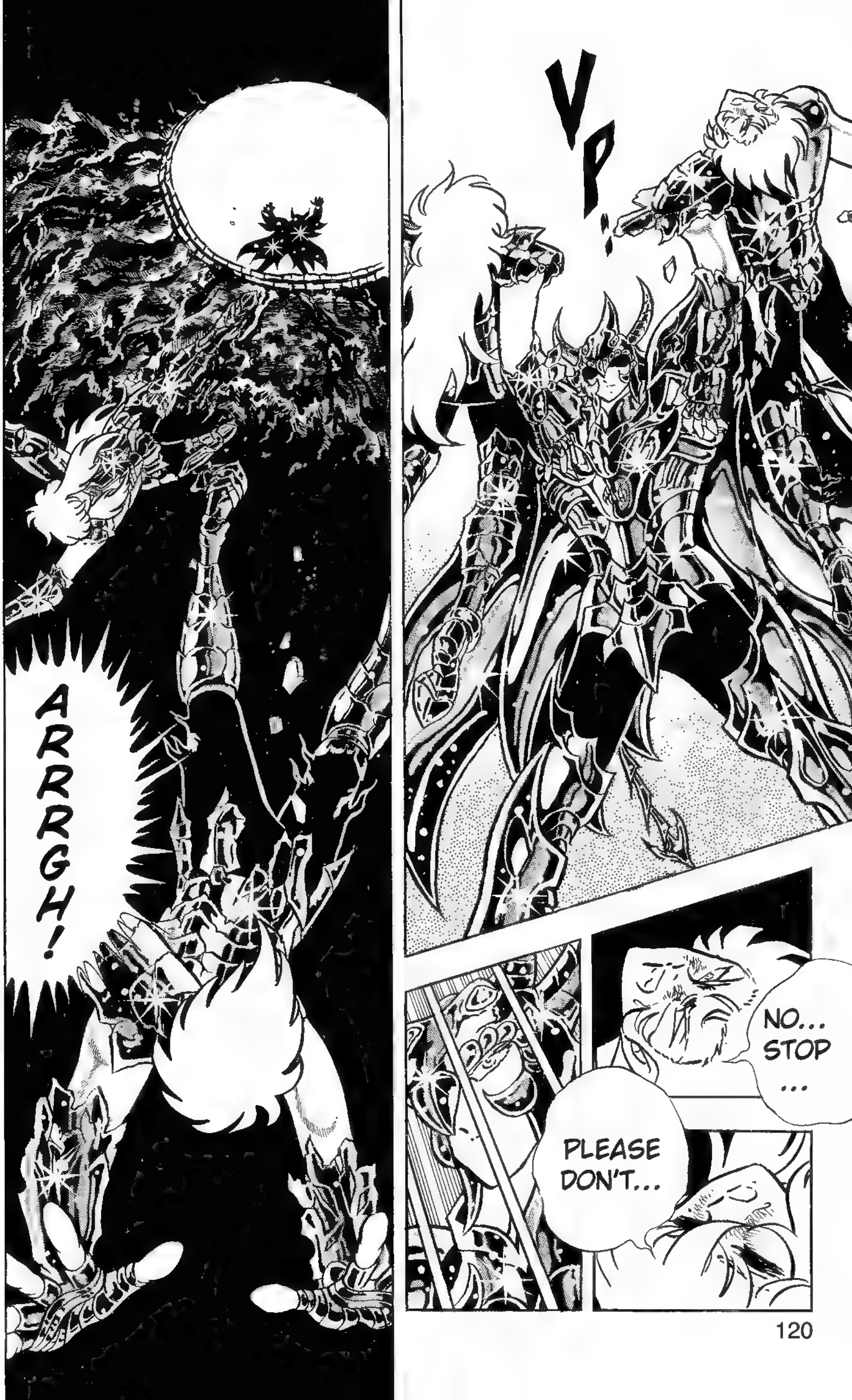
PKK
HALT!!
I'LL KEEP YOU COMPANY, SHION.
AT OUR LEISURE, FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE...
BUT OF COURSE.
...
MMM...IF YOU AND I FIGHT, WE MAY START A ONE-THOUSAND-DAY SHOWDOWN.
DON'T TELL ME THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO.

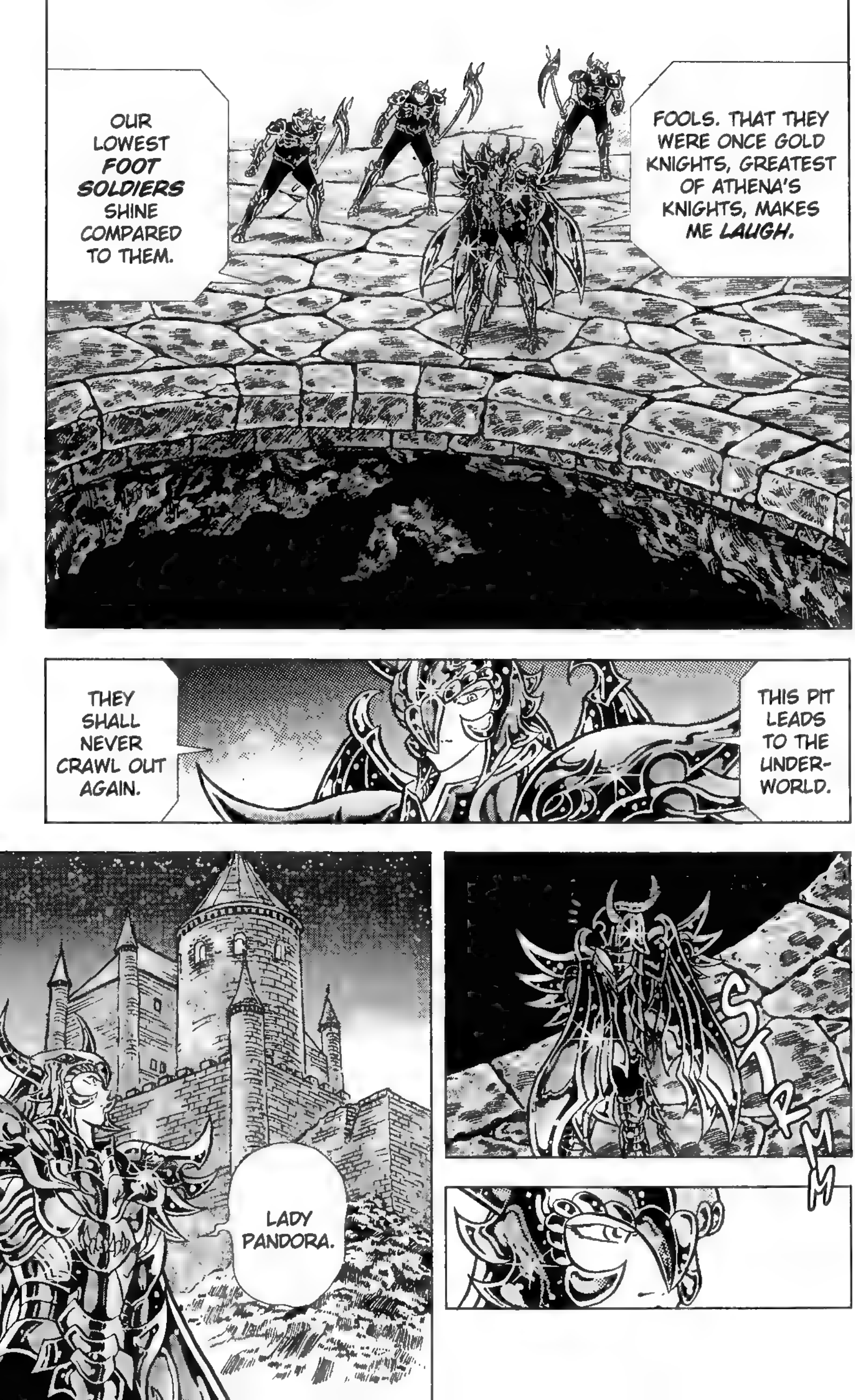
CASTLE HADES...
VHWAK

UGH!
ARGH!
THIS TIME, WE'LL BRING BACK ATHENA'S HEAD!
P-PLEASE... JUST ONE MORE CHANCE...
G-GRANT US AN AUDIENCE WITH LORD H-HADES! PLEASE!
DON'T SEND US BACK! ANYTHING BUT THAT!
ZHK
LORD HADES WOULDN'T DEIGN TO SEE MAGGOTS LIKE YOU.

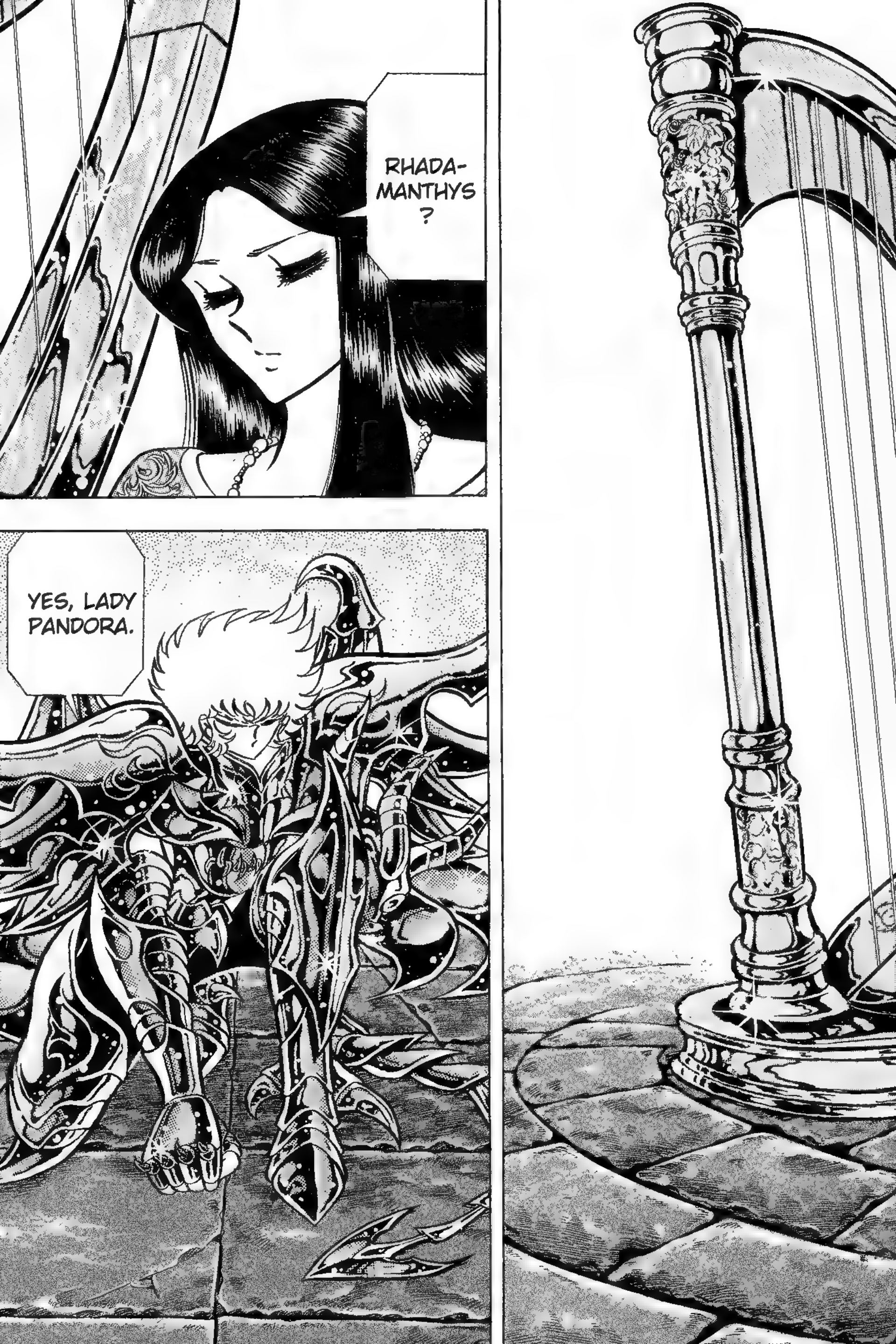
MISTAKES ARE NOT FORGIVEN. I'LL KICK YOU FOOLS BACK INTO THE UNDERWORLD MYSELF!
SO SAY I, THE CELESTIAL STALWART STAR, WYVERN RHADAMAN-THYS!

FWASH
NO!
UGH ...
SOMEBODY! HELP!
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD!
ZZZK
ARRRGH!


VUP
ARRRGH!
NO... STOP ...
PLEASE DON'T...


OUR LOWEST FOOT SOLDIERS SHINE COMPARED TO THEM.
FOOLS. THAT THEY WERE ONCE GOLD KNIGHTS, GREATEST OF ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, MAKES ME LAUGH.
THEY SHALL NEVER CRAWL OUT AGAIN.
THIS PIT LEADS TO THE UNDER-WORLD.
STRMM
LADY PANDORA.

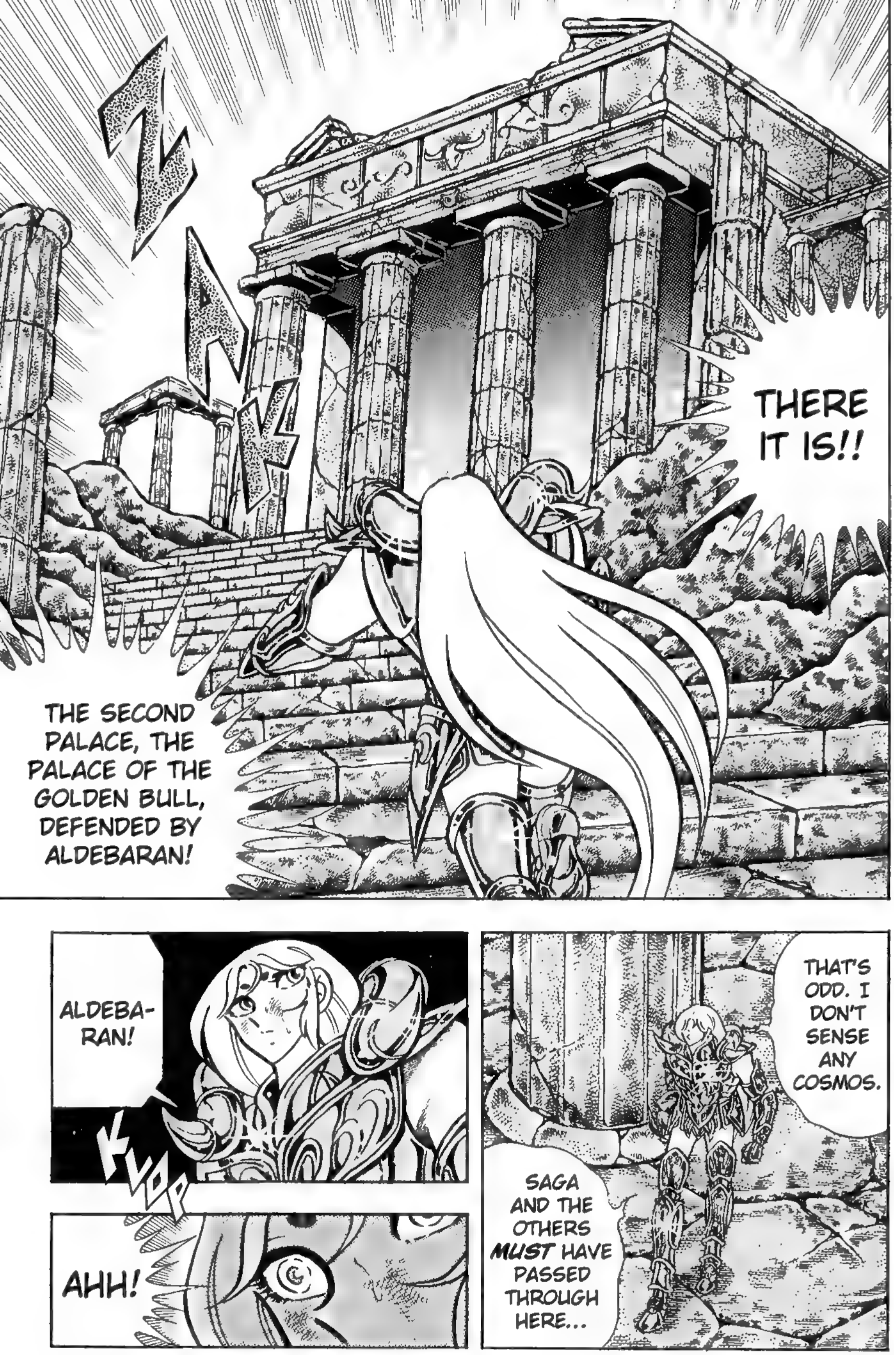
STRMM


RHADAMANTHYS?
YES, LADY PANDORA.

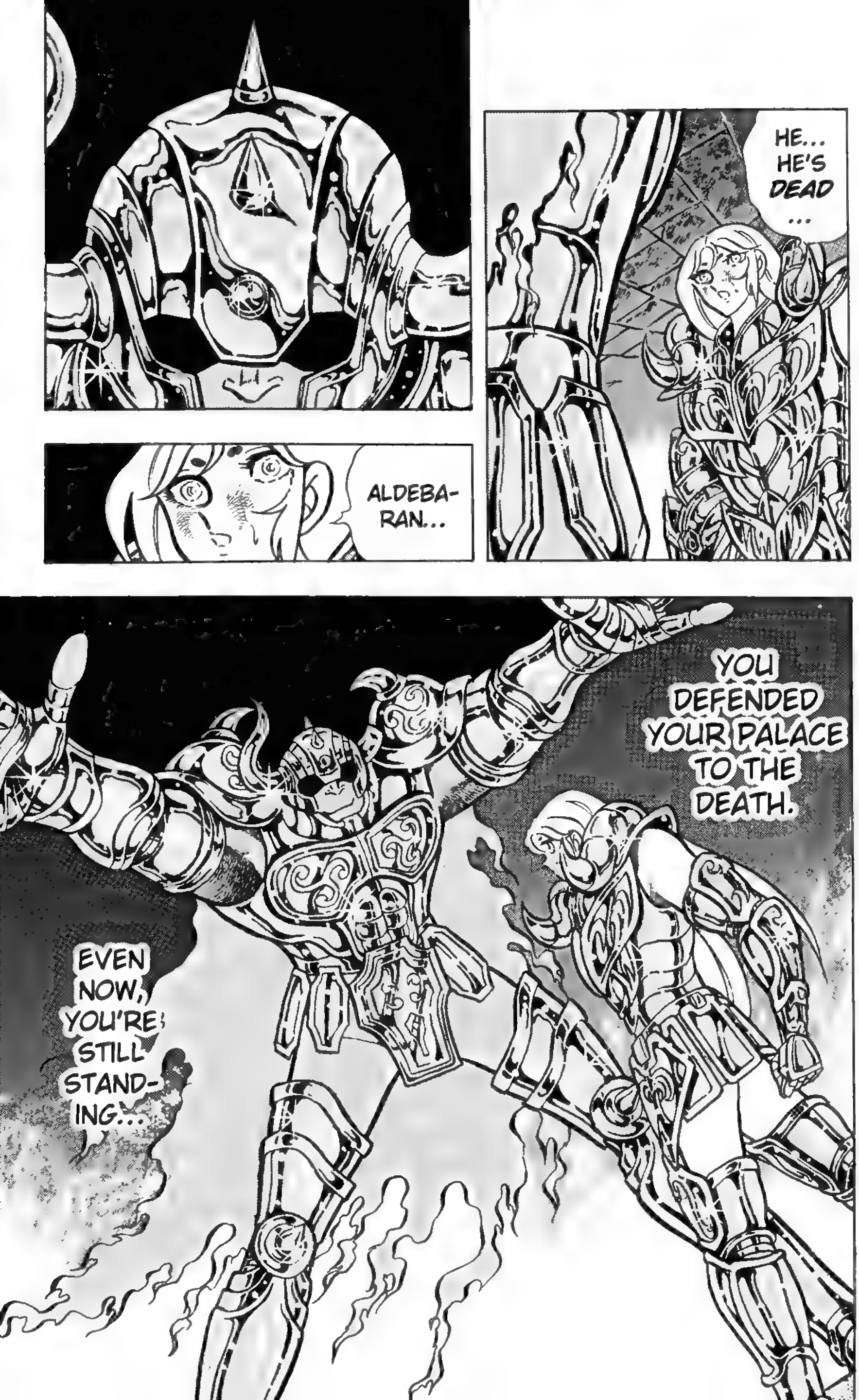
MY DEAR LADY, I BEG YOU TO ALLOW ME TO GO FORTH TO ATHENA'S SANCTUARY.
WHAT IS IT?
BUT THEY ARE *INCOMPE-TENT.* TWO HAVE ALREADY RETURNED.
YES.
WE ALREADY DISPATCHED SOME FORMER KNIGHTS TO THAT TASK, DID WE NOT?
MILADY ...
...AND I SHALL TAKE ATHENA'S LIFE WITHIN AN *HOUR.*
THEY ARE *ANIMALS,* PANTING AFTER THE SCRAPS LORD HADES THROWS THEM. I FEAR THEY WILL SQUANDER THEIR TIME, AND ALL WILL COME TO NAUGHT.
PLEASE... AUTHORIZE ME TO ENTER THE BATTLE...

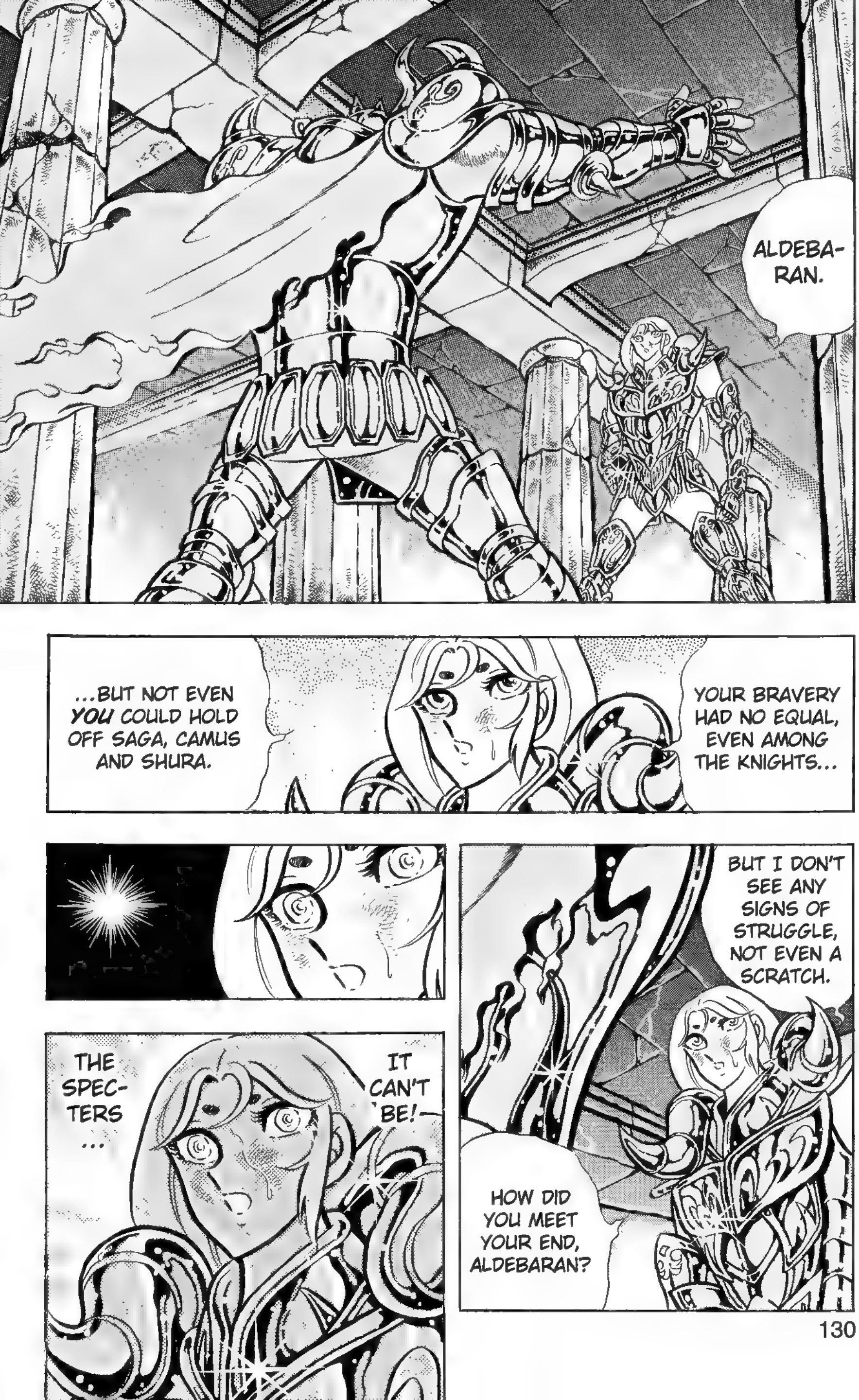
READ THIS WAY

WHAT A RELIEF. I NEVER EXPECTED RÔSHI TO COME TO OUR AID.
BUT WHAT DOES HE MEAN ABOUT PROTECTING ATHENA FOR 12 HOURS?
IN 12 HOURS ...
IT TAKES THE ZODIAC FIRE CLOCK 12 HOURS TO GO OUT.
OH!
DON'T TELL ME THE SPECTERS ...
DON'T TELL ME...


ZDAN
THERE IT IS!!
THE SECOND PALACE, THE PALACE OF THE GOLDEN BULL, DEFENDED BY ALDEBARAN!
THAT'S ODD. I DON'T SENSE ANY COSMOS.
SAGA AND THE OTHERS MUST HAVE PASSED THROUGH HERE...
ALDEBARAN!
KLOP
AHH!

ALDEBARAN
!!


ALDEBA-RAN...
HE... HE'S DEAD ...
YOU DEFENDED YOUR PALACE TO THE DEATH.
EVEN NOW, YOU'RE STILL STAND-ING...


ALDEBA-RAN.
YOUR BRAVERY HAD NO EQUAL, EVEN AMONG THE KNIGHTS...
...BUT NOT EVEN *YOU* COULD HOLD OFF SAGA, CAMUS AND SHURA.
BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF STRUGGLE, NOT EVEN A SCRATCH.
HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR END, ALDEBARAN?
IT CAN'T BE!—
THE SPEC-TERS...

READ THIS WAY

WOOSH...

I, THE EARTHLY GLOOM STAR, DEEP NIOBE!!

CASTLE HADES ...
KLANK
KLANK
LORD RHADAMANTHYS!!
HOP
IS THAT YOU, ZELOS ?
HEE HEE... INDEED.
HEE HEE HEE...
IT IS I, THE EARTHLY BIZARRE STAR, FROG ZELOS.

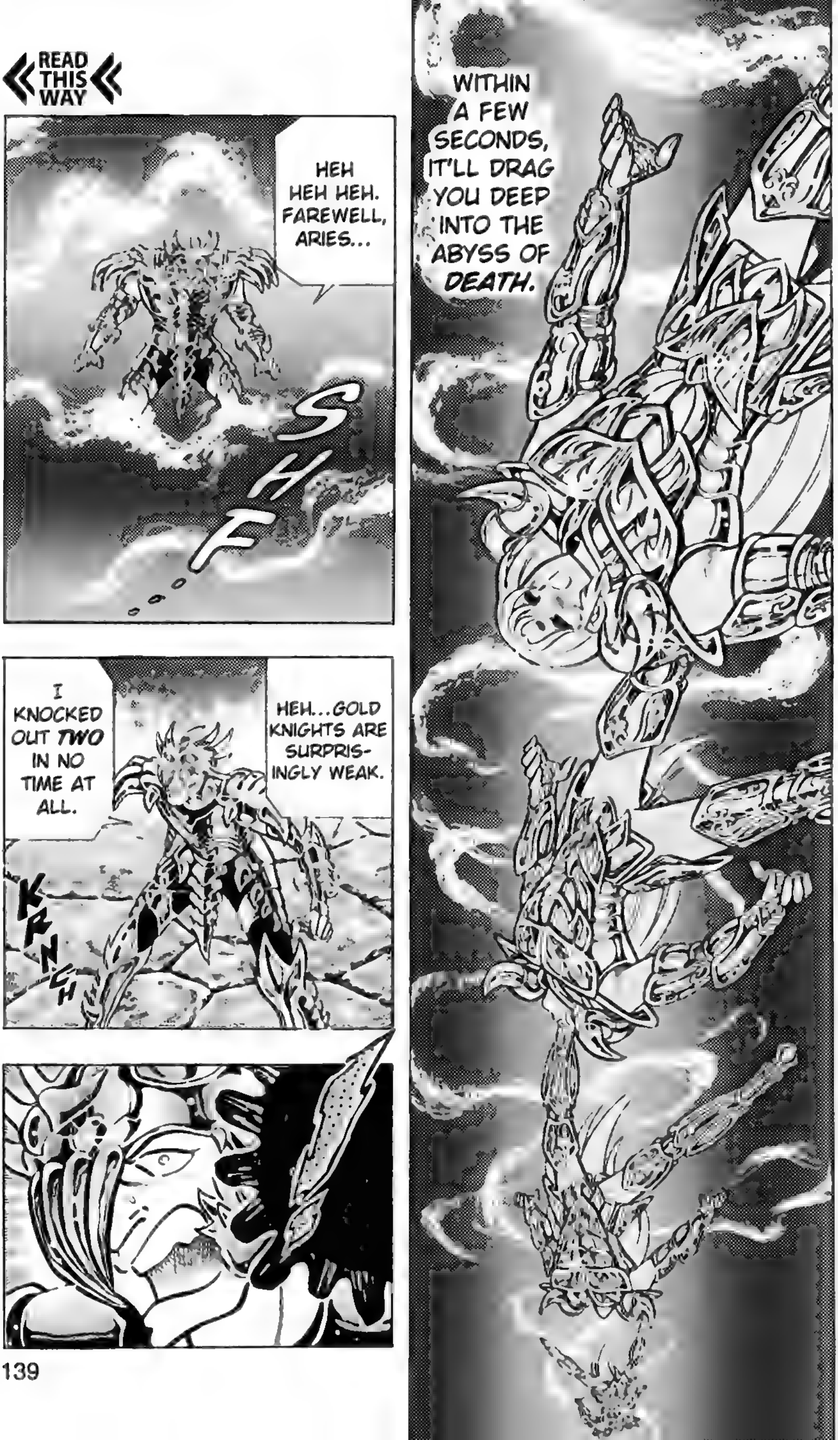
READ THIS WAY

DOOM STAR DEEP NIOBE, EH? SO THE TRUE SPECTERS HAVE ALREADY INVADED SANCTUARY.
THAT'S RIGHT. SAGA AND THE OTHERS ARE MERELY *TOUR GUIDES.*
YOUR TYPE MIGHT END UP JUST *HINDERING* SAGA'S GROUP.
WHAT?
I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
WHAT?

READ THIS WAY
HOW DARE YOU! I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW, JUST LIKE I KILLED TAURUS!
FWASH
UNH!
DEEP FRA-GRANCE!!
WH... WHAT THE...
WHAT IS THIS SMELL?

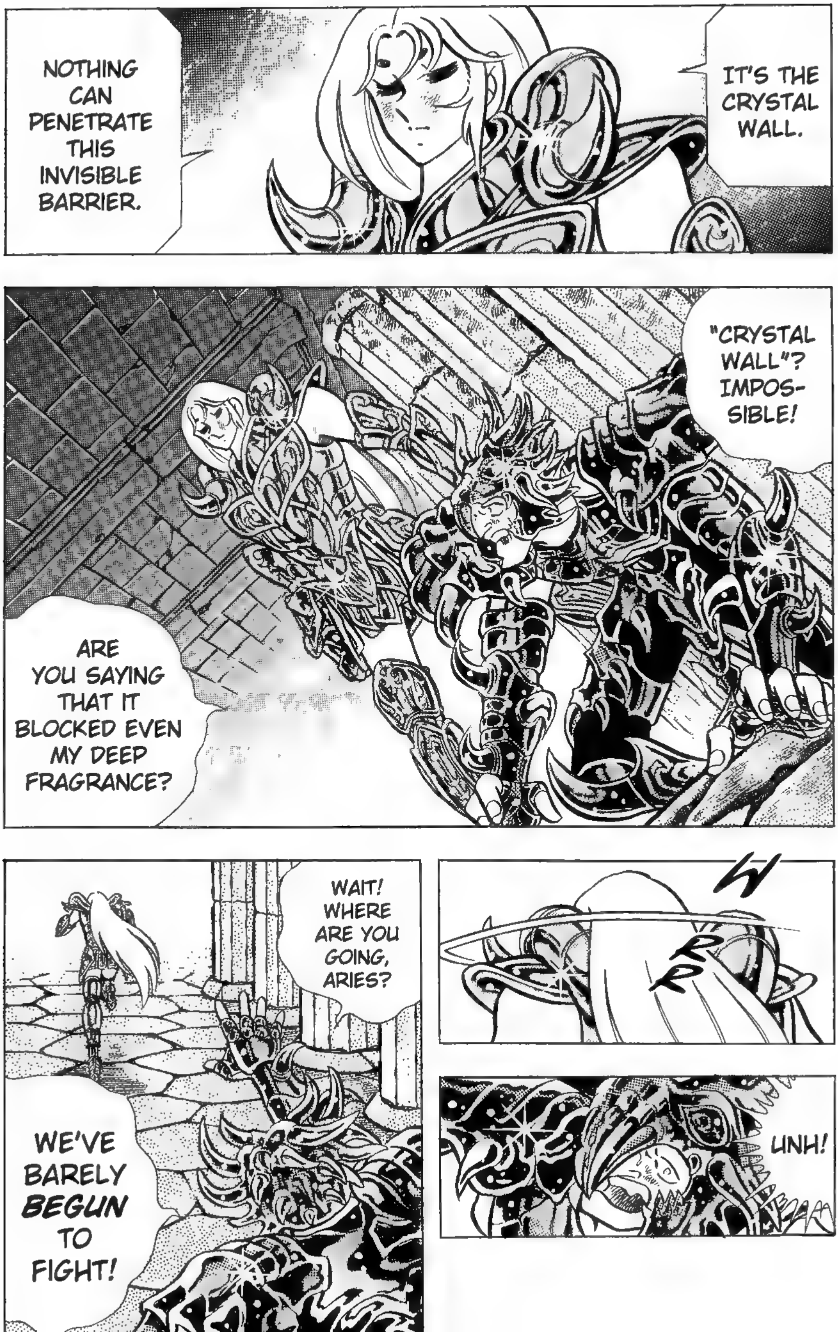
MY WHOLE BODY IS TINGLING! I'M LOSING CONSCIOUS-NESS! IS THIS WHAT STOPPED ALDEBARAN?
UGH! I CAN'T INHALE THIS PER-FUMED AIR!
TOO LATE NOW. HOLD YOUR BREATH IF YOU LIKE...THE DEEP FRAGRANCE WILL STILL PENETRATE YOUR SKIN.
IT'LL ATTACK YOUR CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, PARALYZING YOU.
BAH

READ THIS WAY



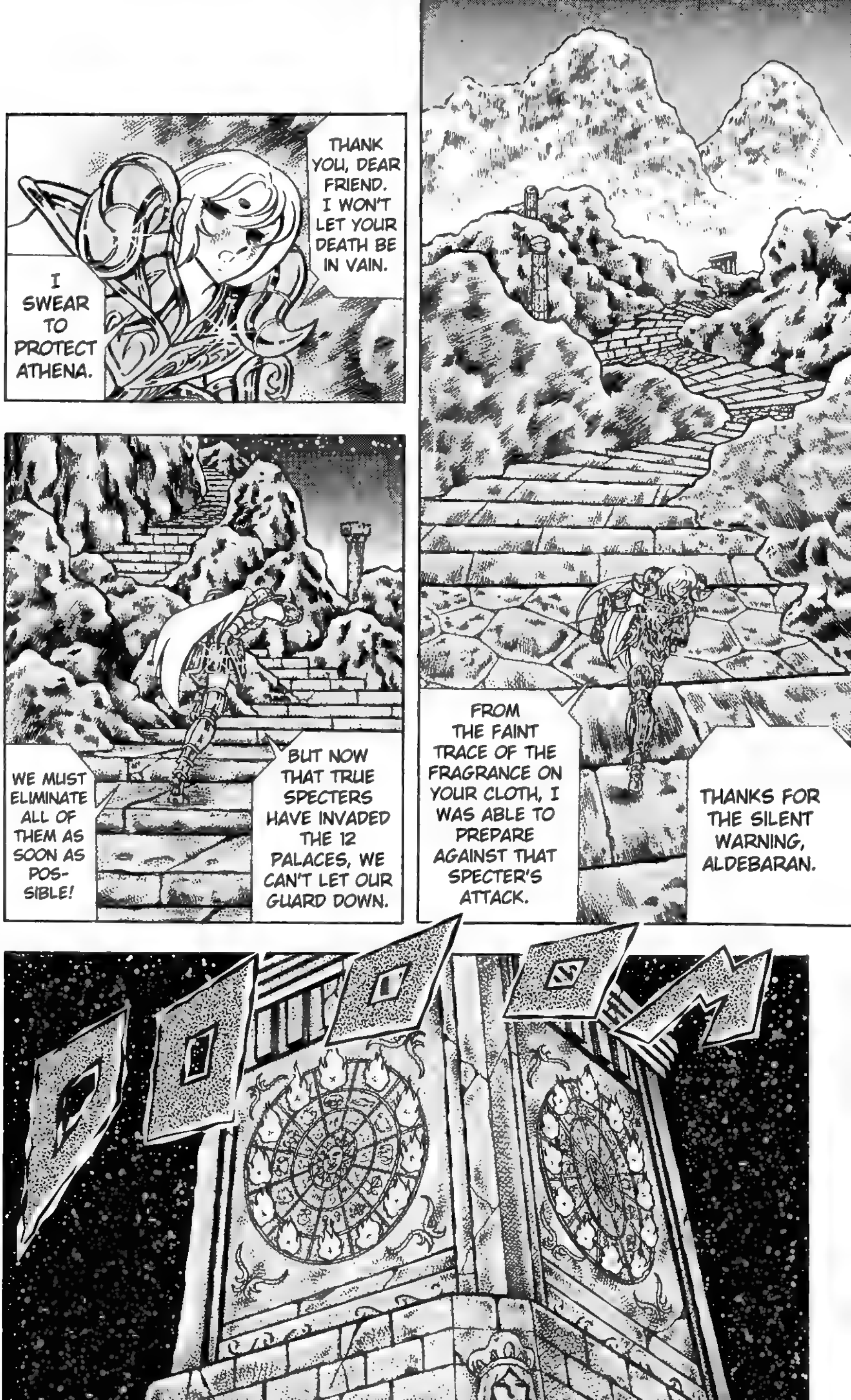
WH... WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S LIKE A GLASS WALL IN FRONT OF ME! WHEN DID *THIS* GO UP?
UGH!
ARRGH!

READ THIS WAY



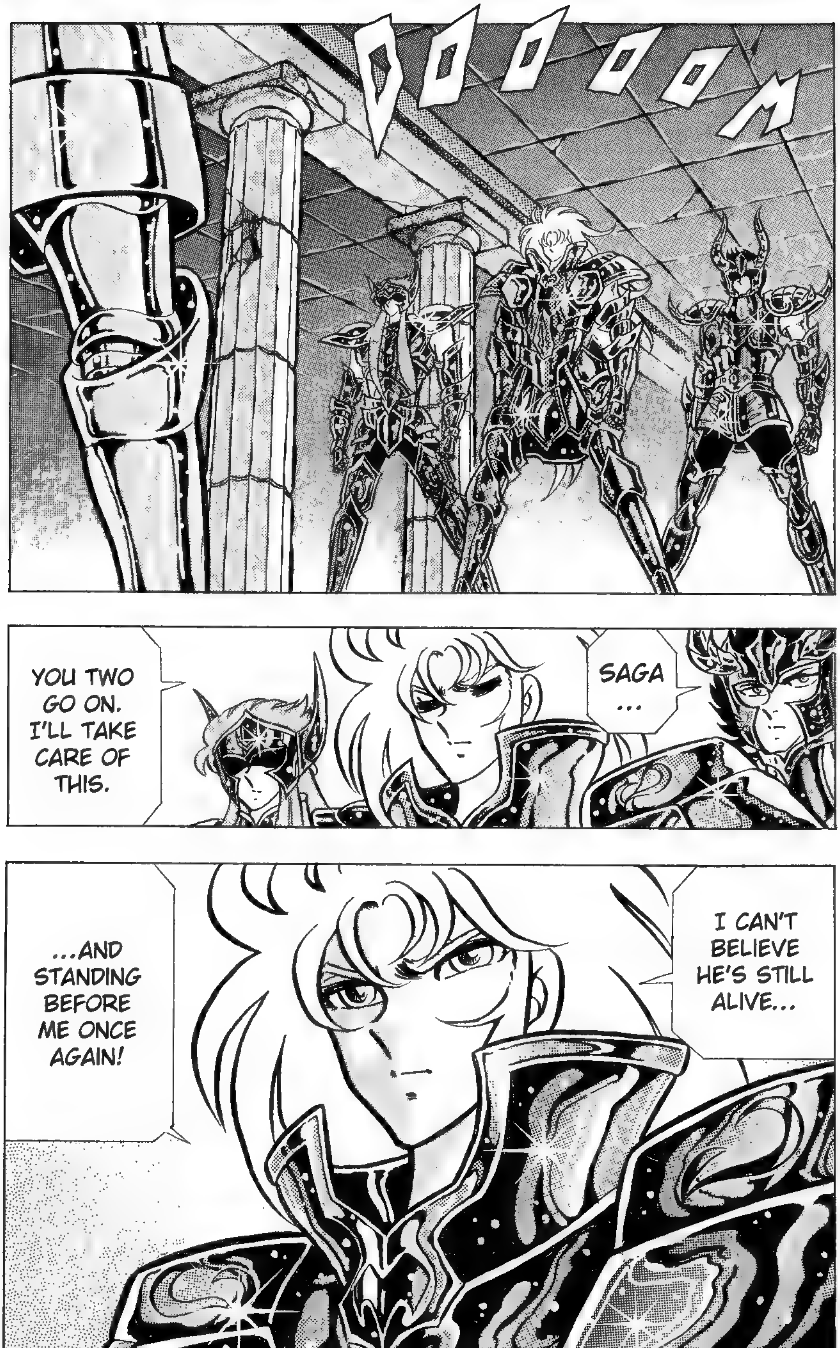
THERE CAN BE NO FIGHT WHEN ONE OPPONENT IS ALREADY DEAD.
SORRY! I'M IN A RUSH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "ALREADY DEAD"?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HEY!
DID YOU THINK ALDEBARAN WOULD GO TO HIS DEATH WITHOUT TAKING DOWN EVEN *ONE* ENEMY? AT THE SAME MOMENT YOU KILLED ALDEBARAN WITH YOUR DEEP FRAGRANCE...
...HE STRUCK YOU WITH HIS GREAT HORNS!

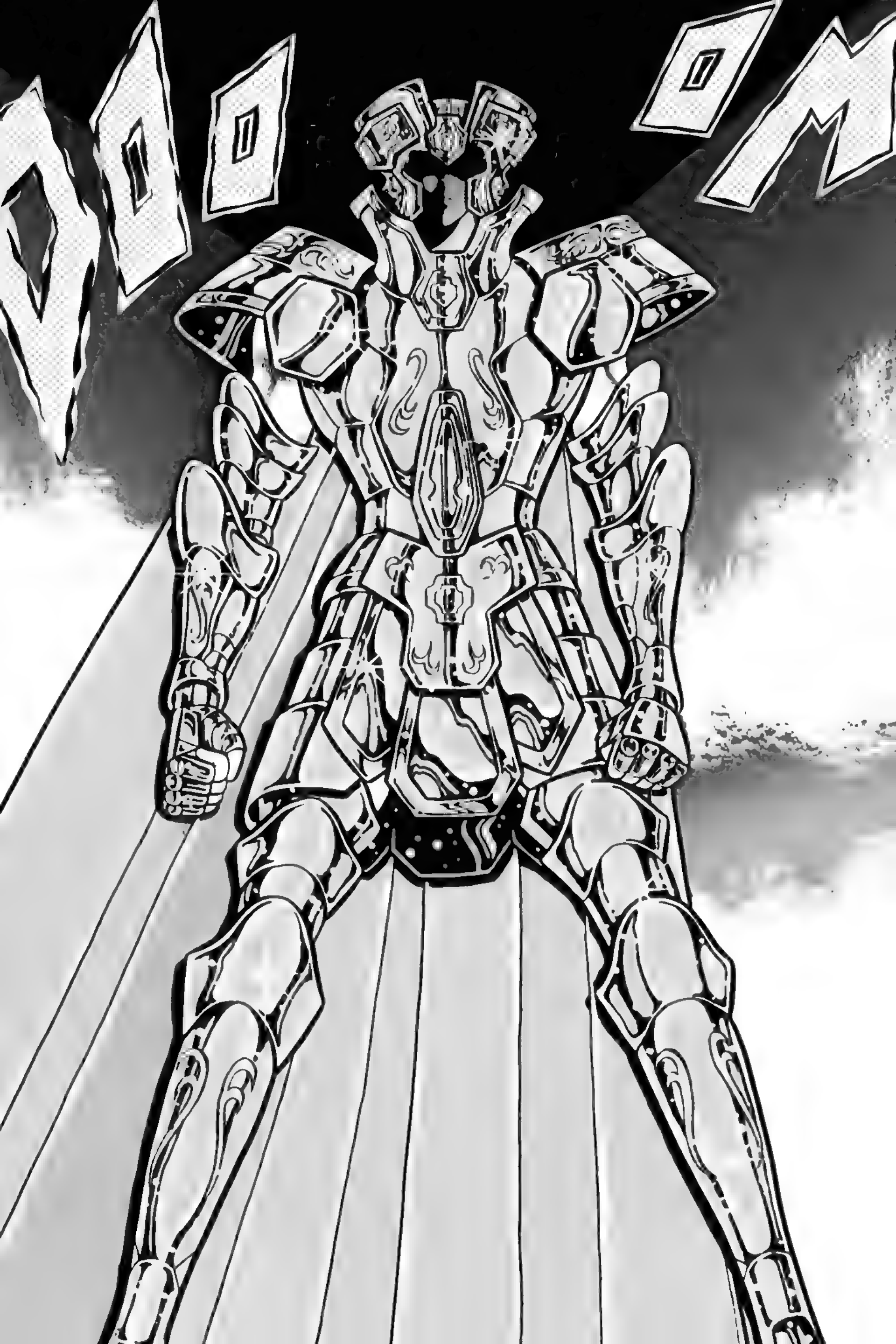
GAH... ARGH...
NO... NO...
YEAH, RIGHT. ME, STRUCK ...
AIEEEEE!!



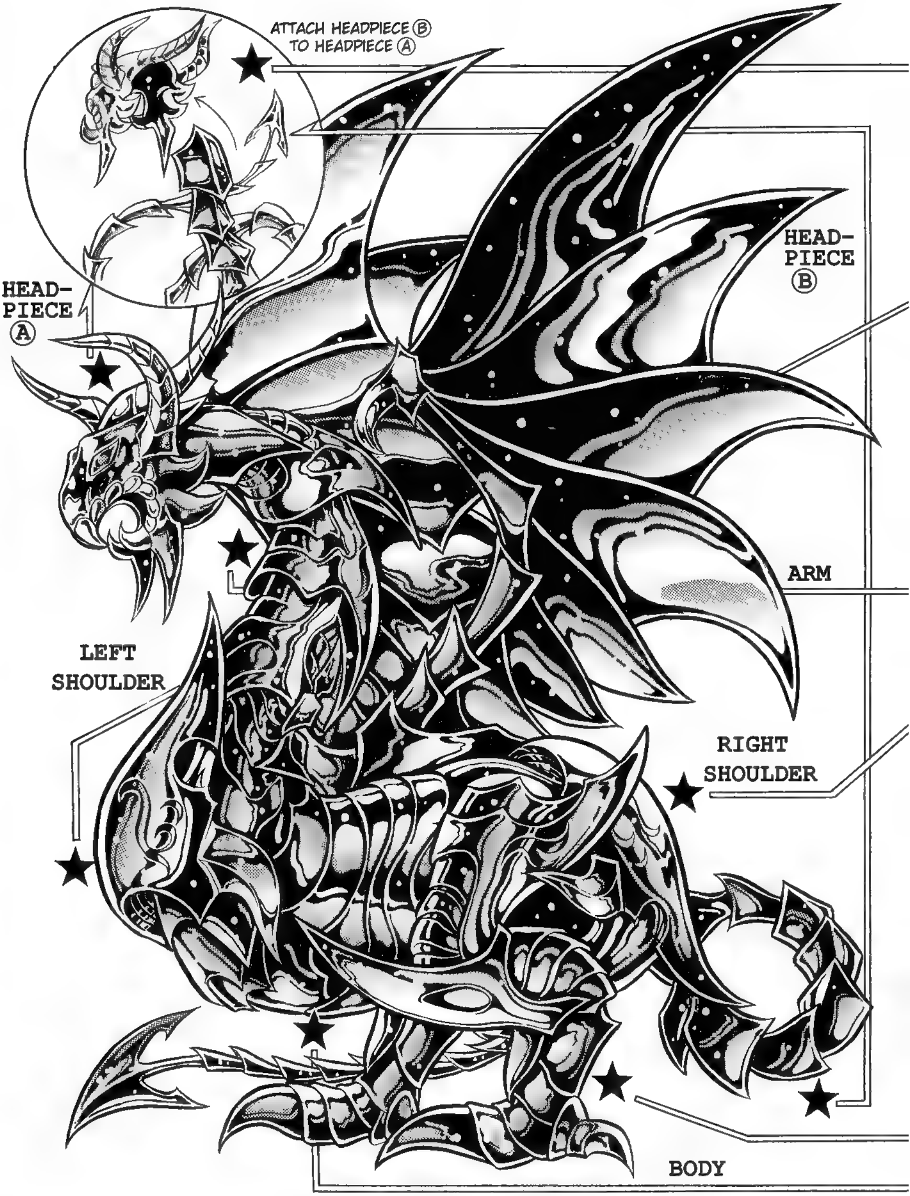
I SWEAR TO PROTECT ATHENA.
THANK YOU, DEAR FRIEND. I WON'T LET YOUR DEATH BE IN VAIN.
THANKS FOR THE SILENT WARNING, ALDEBARAN.
FROM THE FAINT TRACE OF THE FRAGRANCE ON YOUR CLOTH, I WAS ABLE TO PREPARE AGAINST THAT SPECTER'S ATTACK.
BUT NOW THAT TRUE SPECTERS HAVE INVADED THE 12 PALACES, WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.
WE MUST ELIMINATE ALL OF THEM AS SOON AS POS-SIBLE!

READ THIS WAY
THERE'S THE THIRD PALACE, THE PALACE OF THE TWINS!
IT'S CURRENTLY WITHOUT A GUARDIAN. SAGA AND THE OTHERS ARE PROBABLY LONG GONE!
WHAT'S THIS? I SENSE A FEARSOMELY POWERFUL COSMO!
BUT THE PALACE IS EMPTY!
THE CLOSER I GET, THE STRONGER IT IS...
...AND IT'S NOT AN EVIL COSMO!
WHO IS IT?
WHO COULD BE DEFENDING THE PALACE OF THE TWINS?


DOOOOOM
SAGA...
YOU TWO GO ON. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S STILL ALIVE...
...AND STANDING BEFORE ME ONCE AGAIN!

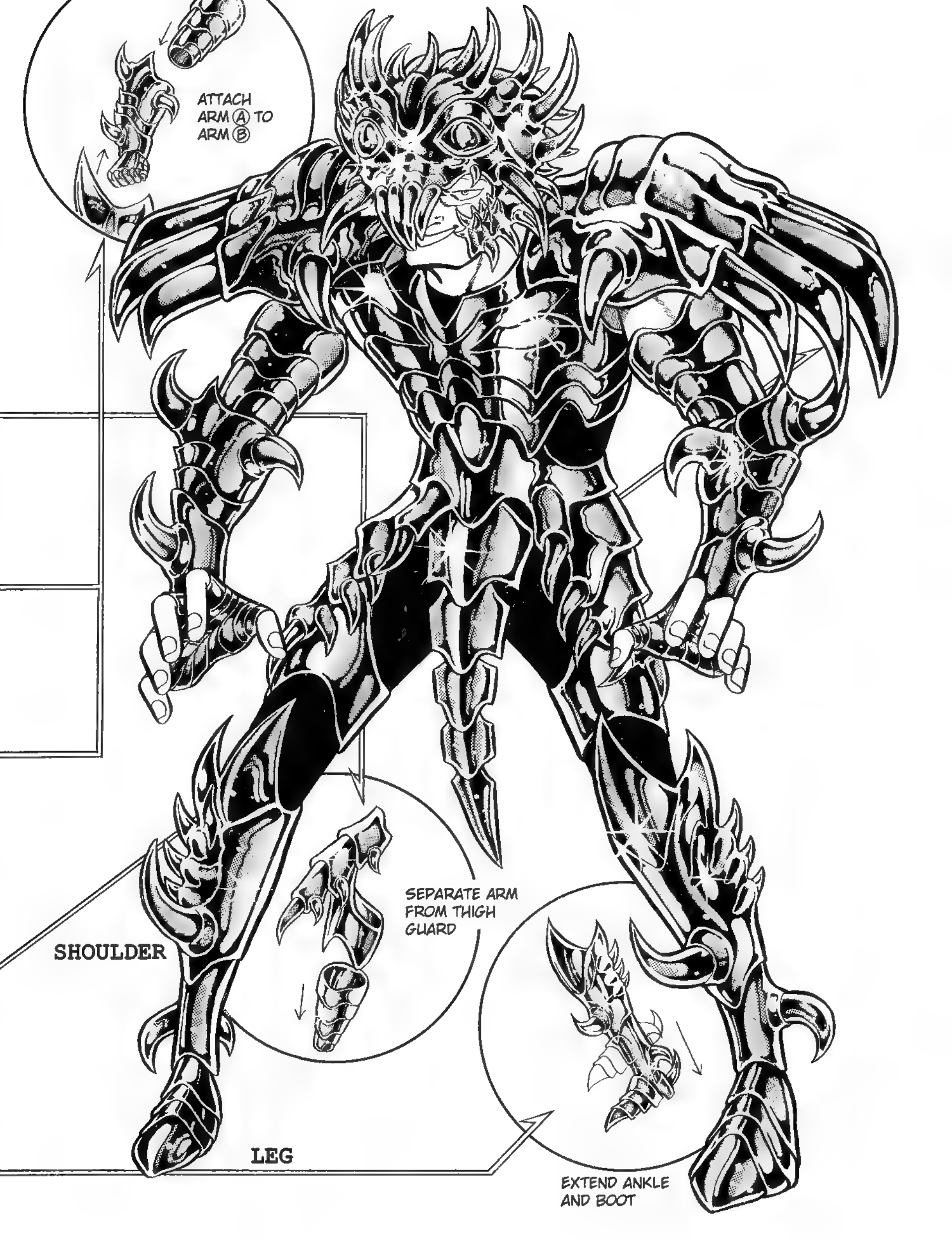

DOOOM

SEPARATE
ARMS
LEG
STRAIGHTEN LEG



SURPLICE BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART 1

THE CELESTIAL STALWART STAR WYVERN SURPLICE


ATTACH
ARM Ⓐ TO
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SEPARATE ARM
FROM THIGH
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EXTEND ANKLE
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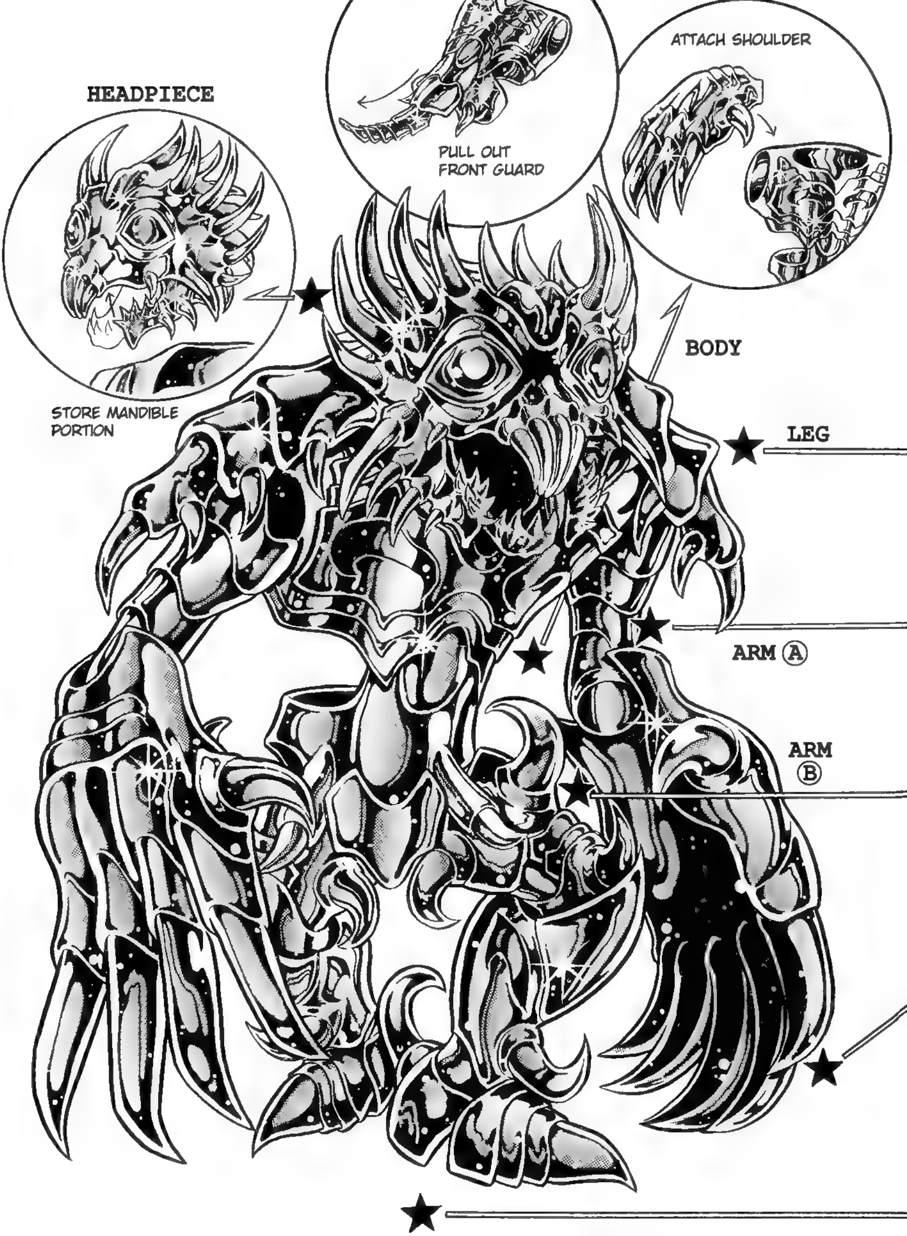
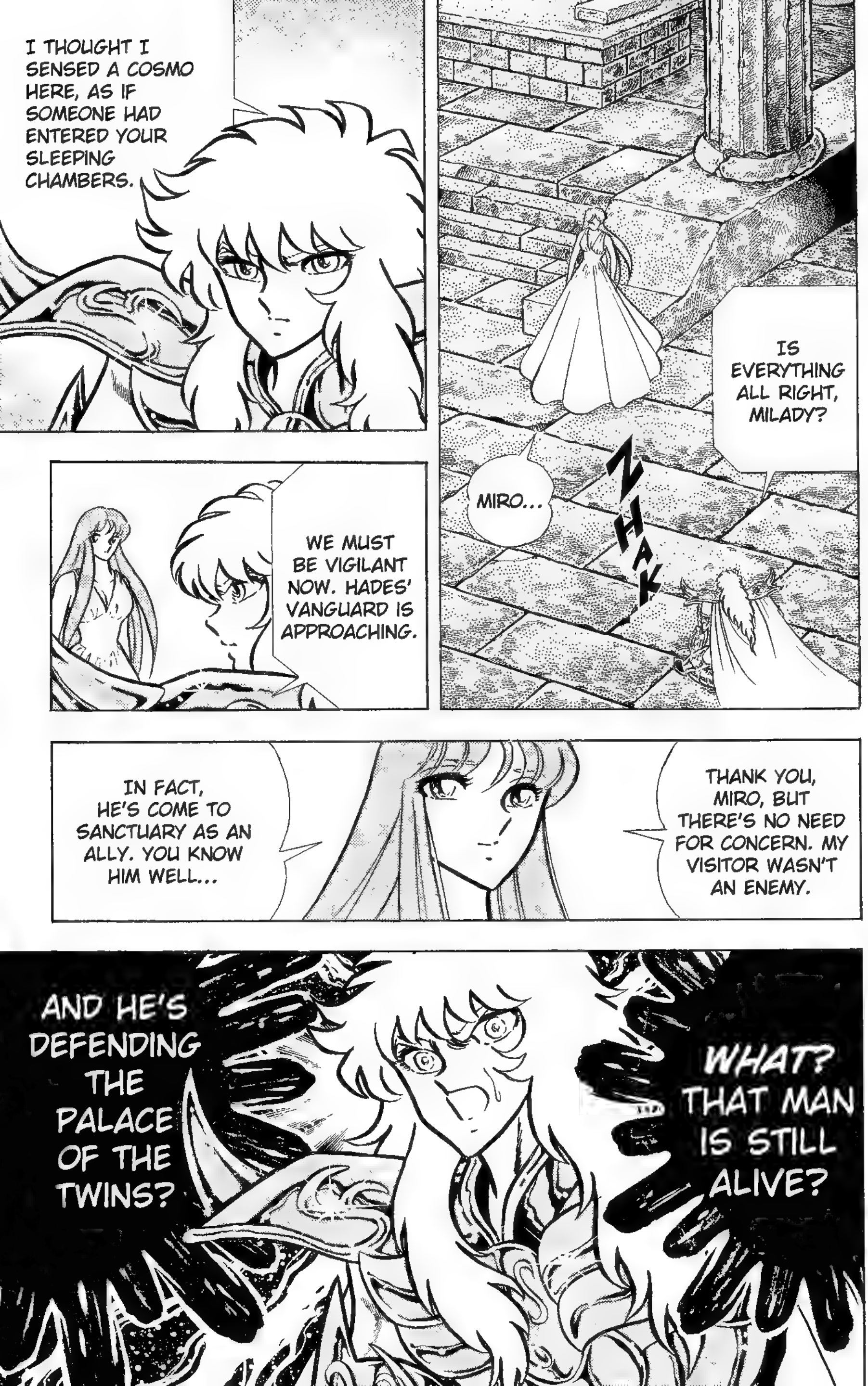


SURPLICE BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART 2

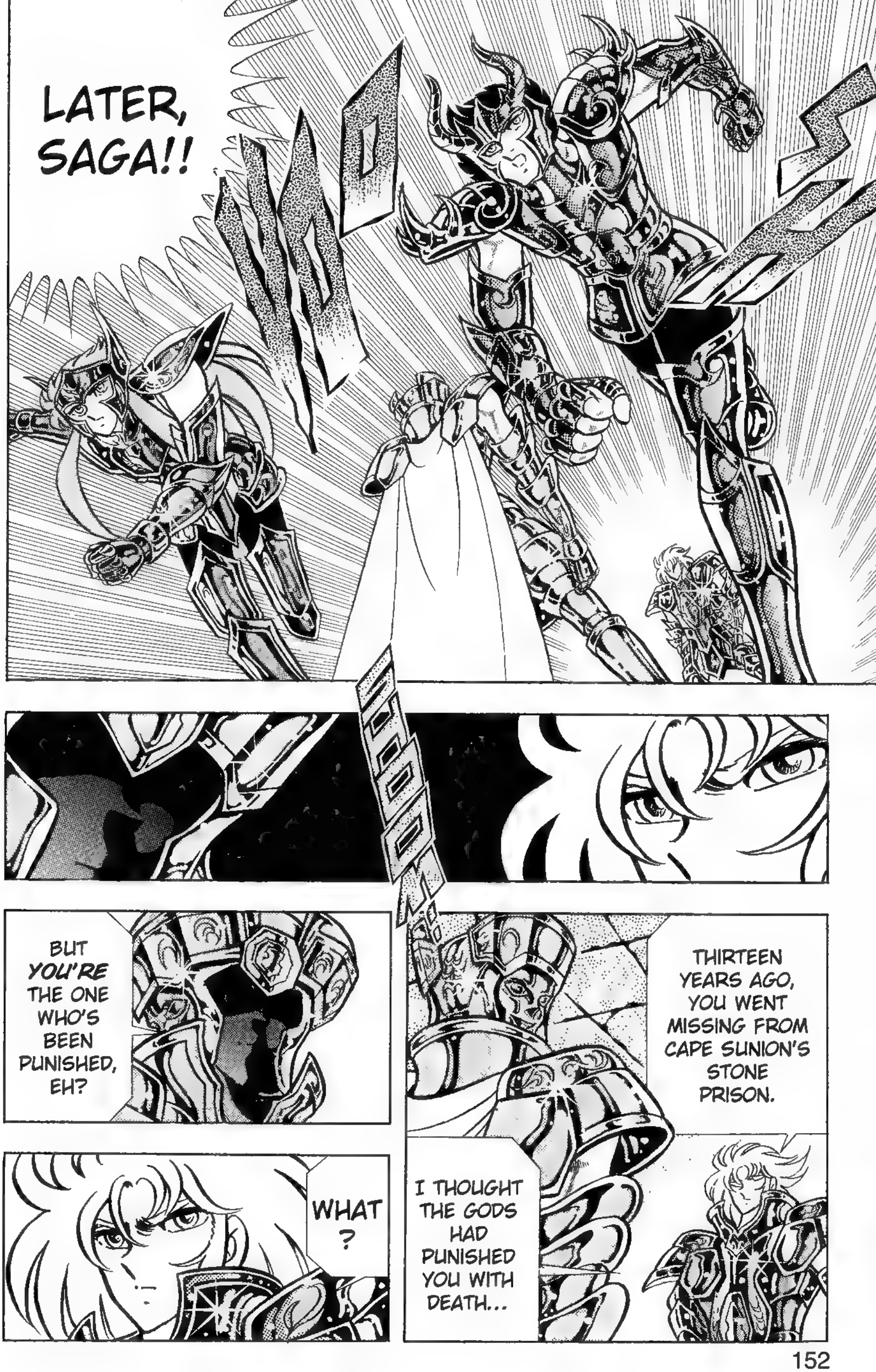
THE EARTHLY GLOOM STAR DEEP SURPLICE

GEMINI!
PENANCE OF BLOOD


ZHAK
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, MILADY?
MIRO...
I THOUGHT I SENSED A COSMO HERE, AS IF SOMEONE HAD ENTERED YOUR SLEEPING CHAMBERS.
WE MUST BE VIGILANT NOW. HADES' VANGUARD IS APPROACHING.
THANK YOU, MIRO, BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR CONCERN. MY VISITOR WASN'T AN ENEMY.
IN FACT, HE'S COME TO SANCTUARY AS AN ALLY. YOU KNOW HIM WELL...
WHAT? THAT MAN IS STILL ALIVE?
AND HE'S DEFENDING THE PALACE OF THE TWINS?

DOOOOOM
WHO IS THIS?
YOU KNOW THE MAN WEARING YOUR OLD GEMINI CLOTH?
HE'S THE ONE WHO ENTICED ME TO EVIL!!

LEAVE HIM TO ME! YOU GO ON AHEAD!
VERY WELL.
THIS PALACE WAS ONCE YOURS TO DEFEND. IT MIGHT BE GOOD FOR YOU TO STAY AWHILE.
SHK


LATER, SAGA!!
THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, YOU WENT MISSING FROM CAPE SUNION'S STONE PRISON.
I THOUGHT THE GODS HAD PUNISHED YOU WITH DEATH...
BUT *YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PUNISHED, EH?
WHAT?

SAGA, YOU'RE THE EPITOME OF TRUE EVIL!
YOU WERE PUNISHED BY THE GODS FOR YOUR PLOT TO KILL ATHENA AND TAKE OVER SANCTUARY. YOU CHOSE TO TAKE YOUR OWN LIFE.
NOW YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF A LACKEY OF HADES AND YOU'VE COME FOR ATHENA AGAIN...
SHUT UP! WHO PLANTED THE SEED OF THAT EVIL INSIDE ME?
IN THE PAST, YOU WENT NOT JUST AGAINST ME...BUT AGAINST ATHENA.
HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY WEAR THE GEMINI GOLD CLOTH?
TAKE OFF THAT HEADPIECE AND ANSWER ME, CANON!

WITH ATHENA'S BLESS-ING, OF COURSE.
NO! ATHENA WOULD NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
LISTEN, SAGA. ATHENA SAVED MY LIFE COUNTLESS TIMES WHILE I WAS IN THAT STONE PRISON. AT POSEIDON'S UNDER-WATER SANCTUARY, HER IMMENSE COSMO AND SUPREME LOVE FINALLY OPENED MY EYES.
ATHENA HAS ABSOLVED ME OF MY SINS AND CLEANSED MY SOUL OF EVIL. IN RETURN, I SWORE TO SACRIFICE MY LIFE IN THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, IF SHE WOULD ALLOW IT.
SHE GRANTED ME THE RIGHT TO FIGHT FOR HER!
I CAN'T ALLOW EVIL TO PASS THROUGH THIS PALACE. PREPARE YOURSELF, SAGA!

YOU KNOW THE PALACE OF THE TWINS CAN BECOME A LABYRINTH, IF ITS GUARDIAN IS STRONG ENOUGH.
FOOL! CAMUS AND SHURA HAVE ALREADY PASSED THROUGH HERE!
WHAT?
YOU THINK SO?
YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER!
WHAT?
BY NOW, THEY'LL HAVE ENTERED MY GEMINI LABYRINTH. THEY'LL WANDER INSIDE IT FOR ALL ETERNITY!
I DO. CAMUS AND SHURA WILL NEVER ESCAPE.

HEH...I SEE. YOU REALLY ARE TRYING TO DEFEND THIS PLACE.
BUT THE IDEA OF *YOU* PLEDGING FEALTY TO ATHENA IS ABSURD!
YOUR SOUL IS STEEPED IN EVIL! THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ABSOLUTION!
I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE!
I'LL STRIP AWAY THAT THIN VENEER OF RIGHTEOUS-NESS!
ZHK
IF I TAKE YOU DOWN, THE LABYRINTH WILL VANISH, TOO.
HERE I COME, CANON!
SHOOOM

TAKE THIS!
WHAAH
FIRST I'LL KNOCK THAT HEADPIECE OFF, SO I CAN SEE YOUR EVIL FACE AGAIN!
FWA
KLANG
KLAK KLAK
SHH
HUH?
WHAT THE...

HA! YOU THINK CHILDISH TRICKS WILL WORK ON ME?

READ THIS WAY

YOUR CHEAP IMITATIONS WON'T WORK ON ME FOR LONG!
VOOOOSH
NO MATTER WHERE YOU HIDE, I'LL STRIKE YOU DOWN!

KA-BOOM

WHAT WAS THAT?
IT FELT LIKE THE MASTER'S CHAMBER WAS HIT BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING!
OH!
HEY!
ZZZZ
OH!

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT, BUT THE ENEMY COSMOS I'VE BEEN SENSING BELONG TO GOLD KNIGHTS.
IT'S SAGA!
SUCH IMMENSE POWER, REACHING US FROM SUCH A DISTANCE...
IT'S TRUE! A COSMO ASSAULTED US FROM THE PALACE OF THE TWINS!
UNH ...
AND YOU'RE THE MAN WHO CAME HERE TO GET IN ATHENA'S GOOD GRACES, EH?

YOU'RE SAGA'S YOUNGER BROTHER, CANON!!
hff
hff
hff
hff
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU LUCKED OUT OF ANY SERIOUS INJURIES. NOW GET OUT OF HERE.
hff
HE...HE WAS ONCE CALLED A GOD INCARNATE ...
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HE WOULDN'T BE FOOLED BY GEMINI'S ILLUSIONS ...
hff
THE ONLY WAY TO STOP MY BROTHER... TO STOP SAGA...IS TO FIGHT HIM HEAD TO HEAD...

READ THIS WAY

SHUK
WE'RE OUT OF THE PALACE OF THE TWINS!
WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE? FOR A WHILE, IT WAS LIKE WE WERE RUNNING IN CIRCLES!
INDEED. IT SEEMED WE'D WANDERED INTO THE INFAMOUS GEMINI LABYRINTH.
BUT THEN THE ILLUSION VANISHED, AND WE HAD NO TROUBLE ESCAPING...
LOOK!

READ THIS WAY
YOU TOOK CARE OF THE MYSTERY MAN?
NO. I MERELY SWATTED HIM OUT OF THE WAY SO WE COULD PROCEED.
SAGA!
SAGA?
CANON... TRYING TO DEFEND THE PALACE OF THE TWINS IN MY STEAD...
I NEVER DREAMED SUCH A THING COULD HAPPEN.

SANCTUARY 13 YEARS AGO
ONLY YOUR ACTIONS WILL SPEAK FOR YOU, CANON!
BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER YOU HAVE TRULY FORSAKEN YOUR EVIL HEART AND EMBRACED JUSTICE.
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

THE MASTER'S CHAMBER ...

BOOM
YOU ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO LEAVE, CANON?
YES. I'VE COME HERE TO PROTECT ATHENA.
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
YOU MANIPULATED POSEIDON AND THREATENED NOT JUST ATHENA, BUT THE LIVES OF MILLIONS!

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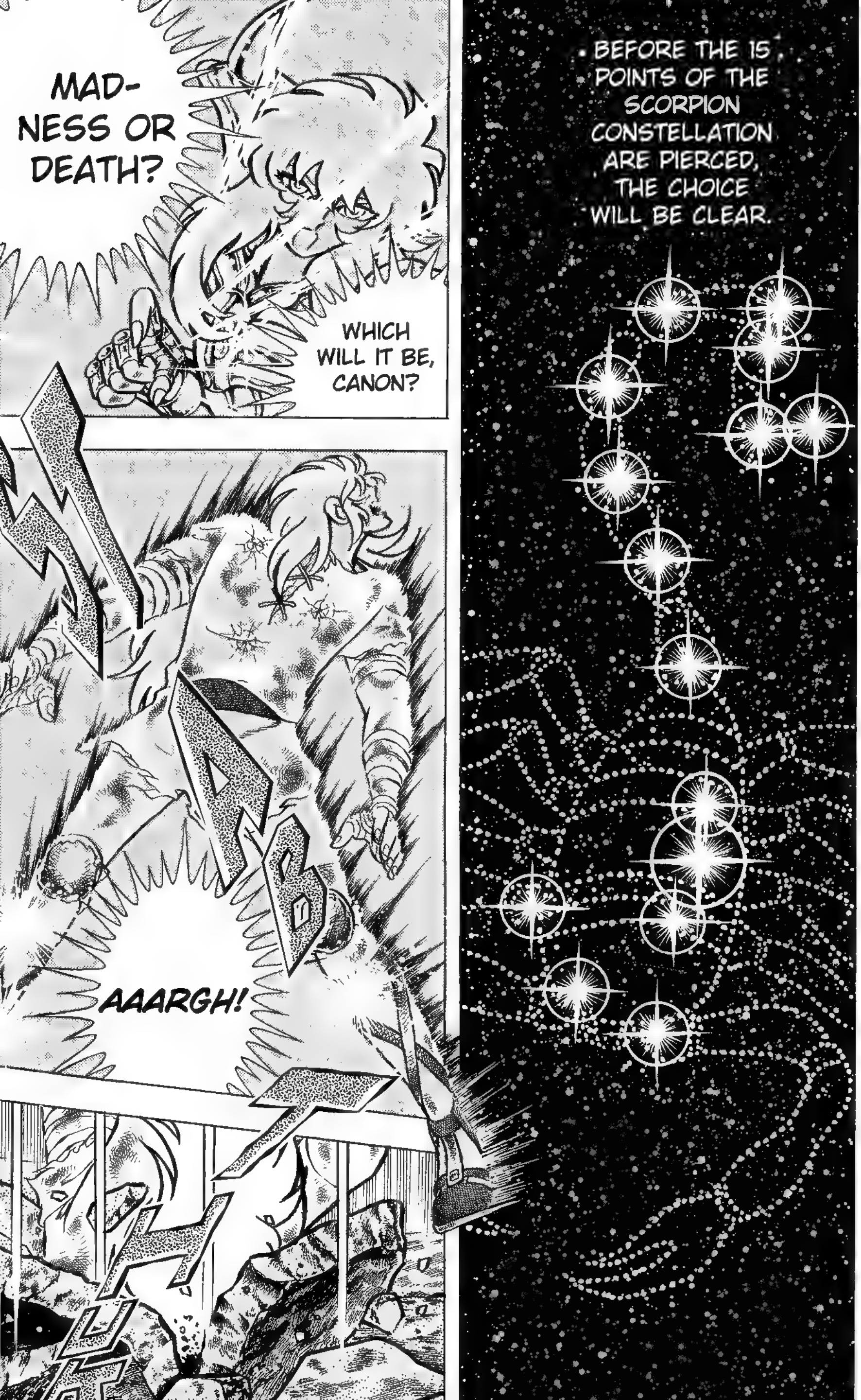
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING. GET OUT!
I CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL EVERY ONE OF THE SPECTERS INVADING SANCTUARY HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.
ENOUGH!
THEN TASTE MY CRIMSON ATTACK!!

SCAR-
LET
NEEDLE
!!

ARRGH!
THE SCARLET NEEDLE INFLICTS TINY WOUNDS NO BIGGER THAN PINPRICKS, BUT THE PAIN IS UNIMAGINABLE.
UGH ...

YOU'LL FEEL ALL THE SHOCK OF SCORPION VENOM RACING THROUGH YOUR VEINS!
THAT'S THE POWER OF MY CRIMSON NEEDLES!
STAB
WAAAH!
SHHUK
UGH ...
UNH ...
ONLY TWO FATES AWAIT AN ENEMY STRUCK BY THE SCARLET NEEDLE.
MAD-NESS... OR DEATH.


BEFORE THE 15 POINTS OF THE SCORPION CONSTELLATION ARE PIERCED, THE CHOICE WILL BE CLEAR.
MAD-NESS OR DEATH?
WHICH WILL IT BE, CANON?
AAARGH!

IT'S ALMOST LIKE HE'S LETTING ME STRIKE HIM.
WHY ISN'T HE FIGHTING BACK?
IF HE FACED ME SQUARELY IN BATTLE, I'D PROBABLY LOSE...SO WHY WON'T HE FIGHT?
FROM HIS COSMO, I SENSE STRENGTH ALMOST EXACTLY LIKE HIS BROTHER SAGA'S.
M...MIRO... WHY'D YOU STOP?
STRIKE ME WITH ALL 15 BLOWS...I CAN TAKE IT...
COULD HE REALLY BE...
COULD IT BE?

TRY TO ENDURE ALL 15 BLOWS, CANON!
I'VE JUST HAD ATHENA'S BLESSING. I CAN'T GO DOWN WITHOUT DEFEATING A SINGLE FOE...
I CAN'T GO MAD NOW, MUCH LESS *DIE.*
KEEP GOING, MIRO... PLEASE...
VERY WELL... HOW LONG CAN YOU HOLD OUT WITHOUT LOSING YOUR LIFE OR YOUR MIND?
HE IS TAKING ON THE SCARLET NEEDLE AS *PENANCE.*
I SEE... THIS IS TO ATONE FOR HIS PAST CRIMES.

MIRO!
ATHENA!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR CHAMBERS! IT'S DANGER-OUS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, MIRO? CANON HAS REPENTED AND COME TO ASSIST US!
YOU MUST BE ABLE TO TELL WHETHER HE'S GOOD OR EVIL. STOP THIS IMMEDIATELY!
FORGIVE ME, ATHENA, BUT I CAN'T STOP.
MIRO...
EVEN IF YOU'VE FORGIVEN HIM, I HAVEN'T. NOR HAVE AIORIA, SHAKA, MÛ OR THE OTHERS.
NONE OF THE SURVIVING KNIGHTS HERE AT SANCTU-ARY WILL EVER ACKNOWL-EDGE CANON.

READ THIS WAY
WE CAN'T JUST WELCOME HIM HOME.
THERE'S TOO MUCH BLOOD ON HIS HANDS.
IF CANON TRULY REPENTS, HE'LL VOLUNTEER TO SACRIFICE HIS LIFE.
MIRO!
NOW GET UP, CANON!
SURVIVE THE LAST 3 BLOWS!
UNH...
B... BRING IT ON, MIRO...
SCHAK
STAB
STAB
AAAARGH!

CANON !!
THE NEEDLE'S WOUNDS HAVE FINALLY STARTED BLEEDING.
THE HEMORRHAGE WILL DESTROY YOUR MIND AND YOUR SENSES.
BUT FOR COMPLETE PENITENCE, YOU MUST ALSO TAKE ON THE FINAL BLOW.
THE AN-TARES!

THE ANTARES BLOW IMPARTS DEATH UPON ANYONE WHO SURVIVES THIS FAR.
MIRO...
HERE I COME WITH YOUR DEATH-BLOW!!
THIS MARKS THE END, CANON... YOUR END...
AN-TARES !!
RAAAAH!

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ATHENA! I SENSE THE SPECTERS APPROACHING!
I MUST RETURN TO THE PALACE OF THE SCORPION. I BEG YOUR LEAVE!

...THE GOLD KNIGHT GEMINI CANON.
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING ATHENA ALONE WITH AN ENEMY?
W... WAIT... MIRO...
ALL I SEE HERE IS A COMRADE ...
THERE'S NO ENEMY HERE ANYMORE.
MIRO ...

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 20!

TAK KA TAKKA
THE PALACE OF THE GIANT CRAB IS AHEAD!
WITH CANCER MEPHISTO GONE, IT SHOULD BE EMPTY, TOO!
HUH ?
UNH!
WHAT IS THIS COSMO?
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?